REGISTERED No. 1—1875.

The Bombay Gazette.

No. 8,168.—New Series. BOMBAY:—TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1875.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

THE Rates of Subscription to the *Bombay Gazette* will for the future be as follow:—

To Subscribers in Bombay—*Delivered free.*

In Advance.		*In Arrear.*	
Per Annum	Rs. 48	Per Annum	Rs. 60
Half-yearly	25	Half-yearly	31
Quarterly	13	Quarterly	16
Monthly	5	Monthly	6

To Subscribers Up-country.

In Advance.		*In Arrear.*	
Per Annum	Rs. 52	Per Annum	Rs. 67
Half-yearly	27	Half-yearly	35
Quarterly	16	Quarterly	20
Monthly	6	Monthly	7

These Up country Rates include Postage Rates.

Single Copy ..... 4 As.

TERMS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ten Lines and under—

First insertion	Rs. 5 0
Second do.	„ 2 8
Third do.	„ 2 8
Fourth and succeeding insertions	„ 0 2½ As.

Line, but no Advertisement counted as less than eight lines

LONG ADVERTISEMENTS.

First insertion	8 As. per Line.
Second do.	4½ „ „
Third and succeeding	2½ „ „

In the Native Languages, double the above.

For Advertisements which are to be inserted for a considerable time special contracts may be made.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisements of two or three lines relating to such matters as Small Sales, Business Cards, Situations, Wanted or Servants Required, Houses or Lodgings to Let, Changes of Residence, Articles Lost or Found, &c., &c.

The scale for Advertisements belonging to any of these classes will be as follows:—

Not exceeding three lines	Re. 1 0
Each succeeding lines	„ 0-8 As.

Advertisement exceeding five lines will be charged for at our present ordinary rates.

No Advertisement will be inserted for less than *One Rupee*, and payment must in all cases be made in Cash.

All Advertisements are charged according to the space occupied in Nonpareil, or smallest type, 12 lines of which go to the inch.

Domestic Occurrences: Each—Rupee 2.

All Cheques, Money Orders, and other Remittances, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, every week.

The Steam Ship "MALDA," 1,945 Tons, 300 H. P., Commander F. M. Burke, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 17th April 1875, at 4 P.M.

	April 1875.		April 1875.
Leave BOMBAY	17	Leave Negrapatam	29
„ Carwar	19	„ Pondicherry	30
„ Mangalore	20		May.
„ Cannanore	21	„ Madras	3
„ Tellicherry	21	„ Masulipatam	3
„ Calicut	22	„ Coconada	4
„ Beypore	22	„ Vizagapatam	5
„ Cochin	23	„ Bimlipatam	5
„ Alleppy	23	„ Goa proper	6
„ Tuticorin	25	„ False Point	7
„ Colombo	26	Arrives CALCUTTA	9

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

Also for Batavia, Sourabaya, Tjillatjap, Palembaur, Pontianak, Atcheen, Padang and Moluccos Islands, to go forward by the Messageries Maritime and Netherlands India S. N. Companies.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from England, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every week to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, QUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSSEH, and occasionally at BAHREIN, KOWEIT, and MAHOMERAH.

The s.s. CASHMERE, 1,083 Tons, 250 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 16th April 1875, at 4 P.M.

	April 1875.		May 1875.
Leave BOMBAY	16	Leave BUSHEH	5
„ Kurrachee	20	„ Mahomerah	5
„ Gwader	22	„ Fao	7
„ Jask	24	„ Bushire	7
„ Bunder Abbas	25	„ Bahrein	8
„ Lingah	27	„ Koweit	10
„ Bunder	29	„ Bunder Abbas	14
„ Fao	May 1	„ Muscat	16
„ Mahomerah	„	„ Kurrachee	21
Arrive BUSHEH	2	Arrive BOMBAY	26

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, will, during the fair season despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every MONDAY, at 3 P.M.

The s.s. CASHMERE, 1,083 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 16th April 1875, at 4 P.M.

The s.s. KURRACHEE, 500 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander R. J. Scott, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 19th April 1875, at 3 P.M., calling at Veraval, Pore Bunder, and Cutch ports, at 2

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY EVENING, 12TH APRIL, 1875.

With Saturday's receipts at the American ports, the same as on the corresponding date last year, there has been nothing to affect the Liverpool Cotton Market, either one way or the other, and this morning's report is accordingly quiet but unchanged, probable sales 12,000 bales, imports 2,000.

Consols this morning are again quoted at 93¼. French Rentes at 102¼ a decline of ¼.

The Bank of Bombay's return, for the week ending the 10th instant, shows the following alterations :—

Government Treasury	Balance at H. O.	Inc.	Rs. 2,73,792
Do.	do. Branches	Dec.	„ 1,41 681
Deposits		Inc.	„ 37,717
Government Securities		Dec.	„ 6,38,662
Loans		Inc.	„ 19,06,902
Bills Discounted		Dec.	„ 5,66,405
Cash Balances with Correspondents		Dec.	„ 1,75,888
Cash and Currency Notes		Dec.	„ 7,56,069

Sterling Exchange to-day has continued firm but there is no change in rates. The Banks still show more anxiety to place their bills than private sellers, who only operate against their more immediate requirements, a very general feeling prevailing that any advance in rates now will be followed by an early reaction. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand	.....1s. 10 1/16d.	.....per rupee
Do 6 months' sight	...1s. 10¼d.	„
Credits 3 months' sight	...1s. 10¼d.	„
Documents 3 months' sight	...1s. 10 7/32d.	„

There is an evident disposition to draw in Calcutta on demand at 3/8, and 60 days' sight 1½ per cent. discount. Government Paper is quiet and unchanged in every way.

In Shares there is no material change to note. Bank of Bombay's are a shade easier, and Spinning Co.'s, except the most favourite, are dull and lower.

Cotton is quiet but steady without change in price. Transactions have been small, partly owing to to day being mail day but mainly to the quieter advices from Liverpool. The receipts yesterday were 5,875 bales only.

Freights are virtually unchanged. By sail £ 1-17-6 to £2, are the quotations for Iron vessels according to the position. Steamers are a shade steadier at £ 2 for Liverpool.

In Piece Goods there has been no business of any importance noted.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value per sh.	Paid up.	Last Divi. declared.	Name.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	9
32,000	1,000	all	7½ p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,410
12,000	500	all	8p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	675
5,250	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,180
80,000	25	all	4 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk of L. & China	200
40,000	2511	all	Nil	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	275
40,000	200	all	5 p.ct.	Chartered Bank of India & China	175
40,000	250	125	5 p.ct.	National Bank of India	105
80,000	500	„	12 do.	Oriental Bank	475

PRESS COMPANIES.

18[illegible]	5,000	3,850	100 pa.	Akbar Cotton Press Co	1,500
200	2 000	1,10-	50 do	Albert Co. Karachee	600
100	50	all	18 p.ct.	Albert Ginning Co	650
250	1,000	000 00	...	Alfred Mills Co	1,100
150	12,000	11,000	200 pa.	Apollo Press Co	2,350
375	1,000	all	...	Bellary	615
155	500	all	60 p.a.	Borax Company (New)	600
300	2,000	all	400 pa.	Bombay Press Co	1,395
200	500	all	50 p.a	Do New	775
1,400	250	all	6½ p.ct.	Broach Cotton Co	125
400	1,500	all	75 pa.	Carwar Company	700
320	250	all	...	Cocanada Press Co	130
500	1,500	all	175 pa.	Colaba Press Co	3,700
500	200	all	Nil	Distillery P. & G. Co	200
252	1,000	all	...	East India Press Co	1,100
150	8,500	all	200	Fort Press Co	3,25
2,000	2,000	15 pa.		Framji Cowasji Press Co	375
300	1,000	all	100 pa.	French Press Co	500
1150	...	1,400	100 pa.	Imperial Press Co	600
2135	400	25	60 pa.	Industi Press & G. Co	275
600	2,000	50	...	Nicol Press Manuf Co. Ld	1,500
120	...	1,500	250 pa.	Princeof Wales Press	1,200
300	500	all	100 pa.	Sassoon Press Co	575
400	500	75	135 pa.	Scinde Press Co	405
100	1,000	750	...	Scinde and Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited	800
150	850	all	12 p.ct.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co	1,000
450	1,000		100 pa.	Volkart's United Press Co	900

Per share for the half year.

BANK OF BENGAL.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 6th April as compared with that for 30th March :—

Liabilities.	30th March. Rs. A. P.	7th April. Rs. A. P.
Capital	2,20,00,000 0 0	2,20,00,000 0 0
Reserve Fund	16,65, 25 15	16,65,245 15 1
Treasury Balance	3,06,59 134 4 0	3,12,67,749 1 4
Total Deposits	2,45,,867 9 10	2,20 13,503 14 5
Bank Post Bills	10,63,504 13 4	11,99,663 13 2
Sundries	6,95,418 7 8	7,20,089 0 7
	Rs. 8,01,61,741 3 0	7,87,63,254 10 7
Assets.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Government Securities	1,61,26,914 1 4	1 64,26,252 8 4
Loans on Govt. Securities	78,75,924 0 0	75,20,664 0 0
Credits on ditto	53,97,820 8 8	47,70,598 13 4
Bills discounted	2,20,37,760 10 11	2,16,15,2 8 15 7
Dead Stock	10,81,468 14 0	10,84,880 15 7
Stamps	17,48 9 11	12,669 0 0
Balances with other Banks	4,95,84 4 11	4,67,329 2 7
Sundries	2,,904 10 2	23,131 3 2
Bullion	47,567 0 0	44,752 5 5
Cash at Head Office	1,67,39,865 12 5	1,69,17,692 8 1
Do. at Branches	1,85,5 ,435 11 4	1,7 ,45,991 8 1
	Rs. 8,01,61,741 3 0	7,87,63,254 10 7

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY (LIMITED).

Statement of the affairs of the New Bank of Bombay (Limited) as on the 10th April, compared with the statement issued on 3rd April :—

Liabilities.	3rd April Rs.	10th April. Rs.
Proprietors' Capital :—		
First Issue of 10,000 Shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	Rs. 50,00,000	
Second Issue of do. of Rs. 100 do.	„ 10,00,000	
Do. do. paid to account of 2nd Call of Rs. 125 per Share	„ 12,48,125	
Do. do. paid to account of 3rd Call of Rs. 25 per share	„ 2,49,600	
Do. do. paid to account of 4th Call of Rs. 125 per share	„ 12,43,250	
Do. do. paid to account of 5th Call of Rs. 125 per share	„ 12,35,125	
Reserve Fund, invested in Government Securities	99,76,100	99,76,100
Government General Treasury Balance at Head Office	15,50,000	15,50,000
Do. do. at Branches	91,43,885	94,16,277
Other Deposits	26,61,333	33,20,272
Post Bills	1,58,83,554	1,79,71,071
Cash Credits, undrawn	22,092	20,209
	6,35,945	6,88,175
	3,78,72,379	3,93,93,327
Assets.		
Government Securities	29,67,248	33,66,189
Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper, Bullion, and Merchandize	15,91,261	16,71,091
Loan on Security of do. do.	32,18,206	51,26,138
Current Accounts, overdrawn	11 87	29,287
Bills Discounted	1,65,71,266	1,60,50,451
Stamps	4,699	4,? 3
Dead Stock	5,07,625	
Amount applied in reduction	1,15,000	
	3,92,025	3,92,025
Bullion		
Cash Balances with Correspondents	4,61,488	6 34,846
Cash and Currency Notes	1,16,78,119	109,22,050
	3,78,72 379	3,80,93,327

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The R. I. S. N. Co's s. s. India, 656 tons, Captain J. Henderson, sailed yesterday for Kattywar, Coast and Kurrachee, with a general cargo and three hundred and three decl. passengers.

The s. s. Lady Lycett, 1,567 tons, Captain G. L. Treat, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool (February 9th) calling at Jeddah and Hoodooda, with a general cargo, six horses, and 770 pilgrims.

The s.s. King Arthur, 1,047 tons Captain S. Johnston, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool (March 7th) with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Col and Mrs Clarke, Mrs Whitting and two children, Miss Roberts, Miss Quigley, Mr. Kar, Mr Harvey, Master Lofthouse and two ayahs.

The s. s. J. C. Stevenson, 1,543 tons, Captain J. E. Bell, which arrived in harbour on the 11th instant from Liverpool (March 11th), calling at Malta and Port Said, via the Suez Canal, brought a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mrs. Pearce, three children, Miss Pearce, Mr. Hopton,. Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Wood Mr. Anderson, Mr. Pascol, Mr. Little. Mrs. Woodman, and three children. Mrs. Dapty, two children, Mr Bapty. Mr. Lawson, Mr. Rennard, Mr. Runciman. and a boy and an ayah. The vessel is consigned to Messrs W. Nicol and Co.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Rajpootana, 1,311 tons' Captain Templeton, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Calcutta (March 18th), with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr. Chalmers, Ms. Austin, Rev and Mrs G Spillman, Master Knoble, Mr. Jupp, Mr. and Mrs Berigie, Mr Babajee, and Mr. West.

The s. s. Caledonia, 1,535 tons, Captain R. Sidey, arrived in harbour yesterday from Glasgow, calling at Liverpool, Port Said, and Suez, via the Suez Canal, with Capt Llienhain, as passenger and the following cargo :—174 packages twist, 776 packages piece goods 76 packages wine, 129 packages wine and spirit, 15 cases whiskey, 447 tons coals, 27 cases stout, 5,175 bars iron, and 2,184 bundles iron. The vessel is consigned to Messrs W. A. Graham and Co.

ARRIVALS.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
12	Caledonia (s)	Sidey	Liverpool, March 4.
	Ashmere (s)	Turner	Bussor h, March 26.
	Rajpootana (s)	Templeton	Calcutta, March 18.
	Lady Lycett (s)	Treat	Liverpool, Feb. 9.
	King Arthur (s)	John ton	Liverpool, March 7.

DEPARTURES.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
12	Hydaspes (s)	Renoldson	Southampton
	India (s)	Henderson	K. Coast & Kurrachee.

The Steamer Histo.ian, to Liverpool, was entered out for loading yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

April.
8 Moulmein (s) ..... Lentit ..... Chittagong.
Torino ..... Demele ..... Genoa, 22nd Feb.
Arabia ..... Lewis ..... Rangoon, 4th April.

April DEPARTURE.
8 Accrington ....

DAILY IMPORTS.—April 12.

From Liverpool.

Winona, 8 bags biscuits, Rogers & Co.

From London.

Rinaldo s, 5 cases butter, Abdoolhuseon Mohomedally ; 2 packages lamps, Kassum Allarakhia & Co ; 50 boxes tin plates, Kasumally Lallmeya ; 6 cases cochineal, Sawcomull Sobharam ; 16 bales papers, Framjee Ardaseer Davur ; 50 boxes oilmanstore, Bolton & Co ; 3 cases cochineal, Nursey Soondeejee.

Delhi s, 50 casks bird shots, Hajee Moosa Suleman.

Tagus s, 50 cases geneva, Dhunjeebhoy Cawa sjee.

From Glasgow.

Rainton s, 150 cases rum, Mooljee Nusserwanjee & Co.

From Bordeaux.

Maurice, 25 cases claret, Aldridge Salmon & Co.

From Trieste.

Memfi s, 10 cases glassware, Kassum Allarakhia & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—April 12.

For Liverpool

Slive Dunard, 300 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon & Co ; 700 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels & Co.

Melmerley, 700 bales cotton, N Mannekjee & Co.

Prince Fredrick, 500 cwts myrabollams, Rolli Brothers ; 100 bales cotton, Ranchordass Vurjeewandass ; 500 bales cotton, Lyon & Co.

Helen Scott, 325 bales cotton, W Nicol & Co.

Ellen Bates, 800 bales cotton, J C Bushby & Co.

Staffa, 250 cwts linseed, Pooraja Norsey ; 750 cwts sursee seed, Moorarjee Kessowjee.

Ardgowan, 100 bales cotton, Campbell, Mitchell & Co.

Grampian, 140 cwts coir yarn, S S Narr Iwala.

Timor s, 147½ bales cotton, Curnandass Nensey ; 25 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon & Co ; 51 bales cotton, M Purmanund.

Emerdale s, 40 bales cotton, Veerjee Vussonjee ; 34 bales wool, Askurn Khungor ; 55 bales wool, Ebram Noordeen & Co ; 23 bales wool, Moorarjee Hurdass ; 200 bales cotton, Ewart, Latham & Co ; 5,200 cwt wheat, H A H Essac.

Tagus s, 500 cwt linseed, Ruttansey Heerjee ; 250 bales cotton, J C Bushby & Co.

Strathclyde s, 70 bales cotton, Khuttow Natha ; 144 bales cotton, Moosa Futta ; 120 bales cotton, Coorjee Ludha 500 bales cotton, N Mannekjee.

Rinaldo s, 500 bales cotton, G C Bushby & Co.

Historian s, 340 tons old iron, Narandam Rajarani ; 102 bales cotton, Framjee Sands & Co ; 25 bales wool, R Rychund.

For London.

St George s, 10 cases P feathers, Mocljee Gangjee ; 28 bales skins, Cheenee E-mail & Co, ; 16 bales hides, A C Esmail, 4 bales skins, 7 cases fishmaws, & 1 case M of P shell, M Nuthoo.

Kong Sverre s, 20 chests tea, Forbes & Co, 45 cwts linseed, C Heerjee, 97 cases olibanum, Jewaji, 58 cases gum, M Nensey, 26 cwts blood stone, A A Dawoodjee 186 packages seeds, M Govindjee. 27 cases M of P shells, S Khakey.

Hydaspes s, 14 cases shawls, & 12 cases needlework, M Ramchund.

County of Sutherland s, 3199½ cwts linseed, Wallace & Co ; 400 bales cotton, Kuoop & Co.

For Hull.

C W Anderson s, 24,000 cwts linseed, Ewart Latham and and Co.

For Havre.

Corr Linn, 1,250 bales cotton, Jules Siegfried and Co.

Black Watch s, 1 bale cotton, Jules Siegfried and Co.

M and E Cox, 210 cwts linseed, Rolli Brothers.

Wycliffe s, 500 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co.

For New York

Africana, 1,500 cwts linseed, Finlay Scott and Co.

For Revel

Wycliffe s, 50 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co.

Amcott s, 150 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

For Bremenhaven,

Richard Ryland, 200 cwts bones, Natha Esea.

For Marseilles

Odessa s, 4 bales Skins, Ewart Latham and Co ; 113 bales cotton, A Kunkler and Co.

Sumatra s, 1,500 cwts wheat and 600 cwts teel seed, Finlay Scott and Co ; 2,000 cwts Alsen Riebe and Co.

For Genoa.

Sumatra s, 18 tins, castor oil, C Grandona.

For Amsterdam.

Frank Carwell, 100 bales cotton, H Clason and Co.

Genoa s, 151 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers ; 100 bales cotton, B I S N Co.

Odessa s, 50 bales cotton, Ewart Latham and Co

Delhi s, 250 bales cotton, Wallace & Co.

For Port Said.

Linda s, 5,050 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.

For Venice.

Odessa s, 100 bales cotton. Ewart Latham and Co.

For Hongkong.

Surda s, 10 cases peacock feathers, B Seerjee ; 20 cases sharkfins, J Lalljee ; 55 cases sharkfins, L Khakey ; 50 cwts country soap & 5 cwts betelnuts, G W J Mohamedi ; 40 bales P shells, D Mohamed ; 61 packages M of P Shells, F Khakey ; 34 bales twist, M Er javalubdass ; 15 chests opium, E J Abram ; 69 bales cotton, H J M A Chulok ; 46 packages M of P shells, E Hassam ; 190 bales cotton, J Peerbhoy ; 150 cases sharkfins, C Ebram.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—April 10.

Davis, Lieut Col, Bombay Infantry, on leave, from ——

Henn, Lieut, Bombay Royal Engineers, on leave, from Kirkee.

April 11.

Falwasser, Surg, Bengal A M D. on duty. from Deolalee.

Jamieson, Surg Major, Bengal 1nd Med Dept, to appear before a Med Board, from Ghazipur, N W P.

Whish-w, Surg Major, Bengal Med Dept, on furlough, from Lucknow.

DEPARTURES—April 11.

Henn, Lieut, Bombay R E, to join, to Kirkee.

April 12.

Cunningham, Col nel, Beng l Infantry, on leave, to England.

Jones, Colonel, Bengal 3rd P Cavalry, on furlough, to England.

Moore, Captain, Bengal 12th G valry, on leave, to England.

Jo nson, Colonel, Bengal R H A, on leave, to England.

Hay, Captain, Bengal 92nd Highlanders, on leave, to England.

Douglas, Lieut, Bengal, 92nd Highlanders, on leave, to England.

Broughton, Major, Madras Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.

Millett, Captain, Bombay R A on leave, to England.

Bushe, Lieut Col. Bombay Infantry, on leave, to Matheran.

Smith, Major, Bengal 8th Beng N I, to join, to Fyzabad.

Need, Colonel, Bengal Infantry, on retired list, to Poona.

Fendall, Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, to rejoin, to Punjab.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

North-Western Provinces Gazette, April 10.

Medical Department.

Surgn-Maj G W Jameson, Civil Surg, Ghazipur, the usual preparatory leave from the 1st April, 1875, to enable him to proceed to Bombay, to appear before a Med Board.

General Department.

The Revd E J Hubbard, whose services have been placed at the dis. osal of this Govt by the Govt of India, Home Dept, to be Chaplain of Shahjahanpur, with effect from the 10th Febp, 1875.

Mr W S Halsey, Mag and Coll', to be Inspr-Genl of Registration and Comsr of Excise and Stamps, N W P, vice Mr E Macnaghten, with effect from the date of taking charge.

With effect from the date when Mr W S Halsey took charge of the office of Inspr-Genl of Registration and Comsr of Excise and Stamps, N W P Mr P Wigram to be Mag and Collr.

From 10th March, 1875, the date on which Mr W Blunt retired from the service—

Mr S M Moens, Offg Joint Mag, 1st grade, to be Joint Mag, 1st grade.

Mr W A Howe, Joint Mag 1st grade, from Mirzapuri to Jaunpur.

Mr G J Laidman, Asst Mag and Collr, from Bareilly to Moradabad.

Mr F L Petre, Asst Mag and Collr, from Bareilly to Budaun.

CENTRAL PROVINCES ORDERS.

Central Provinces Gazette, April 10, 1875.)

Maj C L R Glasford, Depy Commr, Chanda, having obtained furlough to Europe, is allowed th 1y days' subsistence leave from the 10th instant, or such subsequent date as he may avail himself of it.

Capt T H B Brooke, Cantt Mag, Saugor, and Offig Judge Small Cause Court, is appointed to officiate as Depy Commr, Mandla, during the absence on furlough to Europe of Lt-Col C James, Depy Commr, or until further orders.

Capt T W Hogg, Offig Cant Magte, Jubbulpore, will assume temporary charge of the Small Cause Court, Jubbulpore, in addition to his own duties.

Capt W L Groverv, Asst Commr, is appointed to officiate as Asst Mag, Saugor.

Capt W Verkee, Offig Cantt Mag, Saugor, on being relieved by Capt Noverre, is transferred to Chanda, and is appointed to officiate as Depy Commr of that district, during the absence on furlough to Europe of Maj C L R Glasford, Depy Commr, or until further orders.

Mr F C Anderson, C.S, Personal Asst to the Chief Commr, will hold charge of the office of Asst Commr, Panchmarhi, in the Hoshungabad Dist, in addition to his duties as Personal Asst.

Mr F W Fox, C.S, Asst Commr, Panchmarhi on being relieved by Mr Anderson, is transferred to Nagpur.

2nd Class Hospital Asst Dilawar Khan doing duty at the Mayo Hospital, is appointed Depy Supt, Lunatic Asylum at Nagpur pending the arrival of 1st Class Hospital Asst Sooboorey doo from Raipur.

HIGH COURT.—13TH APRIL.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Bayley.)

SHORT CAUSES.

276 73—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass—Thavrdass Khemchund v Lalchund Megbjee and another—No appearance.

269-74—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass—Waljee Canjee and another v Dhurumsey Damodhur and another—G J Mody.

30-75—Jefferson and Payne—Somerjee Parpia v Luxumeebai widow—No appearance.

Fait for hearing.

629-73—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Parvutibai widow v Morarjee Goculdass—Tyabjee and Bayani—Part heard.

Chamber Motion.

Eastern Financial Association Limited—Nusserwanjee A dasser Wadia and Kessowjee Naik and another.

Motions to vary Commissioner's Report.

1018-67—Macfarlane and Skirrow—Hajee Ismail Hajee Habib v Coomar Ahmed and another—Jefferson and Payne.

854-67—Jefferson and Payne—Coomar Ahmed and others v Hajee Ismail Habib—Macfarlane and Skipcy.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Green.)

LONG CAUSES.

325-74—Crawford and Boevey—Poolvahoo widow v Gomibai widow—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass.

Admiralty Jurisdiction.

1-75—Prescot and Winter—Syed Moobaruck bin Antar v The Secretary of State, &c—Mr Hearn.

LONG CAUSES.

705-71—Shapoorjee and Thacurdas—Jumnadas Balkissondas v Shaik Abdool bin Salem—Macfarlane and Skipcy.

317-74—Shamrao—Antaji e Sukaram Pandit v Amandrow Vinnack and another—M M Munshi.

339-74—Mr. Fletcher—Ashubai widow of Oosman v Ballabai, widow.

151-74—Mr Fletcher—Jeevorebai v Buldeo Poorunmull—M H Khan.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[The charge for notifying a domestic occurrence is two rupees, the announcement must be authenticated.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

LISTER—April 9th, at Poona, Stella Maude Ida, the beloved daughter of Mrs. A. Lister, aged 1 ye.r, 9 months and 9 days, deeply regretted.—English papers please copy.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HUDSON—April 7th, at Calcutta, the wife of J. Hudson, (of Rajmahal), of a daughter.

McINTOSH—April 8th, at No. 1, Middleton Row, Calcutta, the wife of A. R. McIntosh, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

ROSE—SMITH—April 8th, at the Wesleyan Chapel, St. Thomas' Mount, by the Rev. J. Dixon, John Rose, Ordnance Department, to Mary, second daughter of James Henry Smith, late Quarter Master Sergeant, of the late 1st Madras Fusiliers.

DEATH.

HUFFTON—April 9th, at the residence of her father, Mr. William Leech, Bella Maria, the beloved wife of Mr. Charles A. Huffton, aged 19 years and 9 months. Deeply and deservedly regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

All Money Orders, Cheques, and other Remittances, sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

The Bombay Gazette.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1875.

The credulous native gossips of Bombay have been slightly disconcerted by the non-receipt of the expected telegram from London announcing the restoration of Mulharrao; but their hopes are still buoyed up with amazingly circumstantial accounts of imaginary efforts, on the part of the Secretary of State, to convert the Viceroy to his opinion that the Report of the Baroda Commission should be treated as so much waste paper. We believe, indeed, that a list of the new Ministry of Baroda is already in preparation, and that the appointments of Prime Minister, Law Officers, and Special Correspondent to the Crown, have been actually filled up. We are sorry that such bright expectations should be disappointed, and that Mulharrao's friends should be reduced to the sad necessity of looking with wistful eyes at the Treasury of Baroda, in which are stored the sixty lakhs of rupees they had hoped to divide amongst them as the spoil of their victory over the Government of India. For we may so far anticipate the decision of the Viceroy in Council as to declare that Mulharrao will never reign for even a single day at Baroda. This much, we have the presumption to announce, is certain, though we claim no other authority for the conclusion we have come to than a careful study of the possible courses open to the Government. It is quite true, we believe, that Lord Salisbury and Lord Northbrook are not thoroughly in accord on the question of what ought to be done with the State of Baroda after Mulharrao has been deposed; but it will perhaps turn out that those writers are singularly ill-informed who suppose that the Secretary of State is pressing the Viceroy to sanction a restoration. We stated, some weeks ago, that the Viceroy's Proclamation regarding Baroda had given offence at the India Office, where it was thought that Lord Northbrook had acted prematurely and injudiciously in pledging himself to re-establish, with the least possible delay, a native administration. The feeling, indeed, at the India Office was that the question of annexing Baroda ought to have been left open; and this, we need hardly say, was also the unanimous opinion of Anglo-Indians. Lord Northbrook, however, having issued the Proclamation, conceives that he is bound in honour to fulfil his promise according to the interpretation put upon it by the natives of India; whereas Lord Salisbury, having regard to the wording of the Proclamation, which was quite general, contends that such conditions of the restoration of a native Government may fairly be insisted upon as will practically reduce Baroda, for very many years to come, to the rank of a British province. The difference of view between the Viceroy and the Secretary of State may be put in this way—that the former would punish only the man Mulharrao Gaekwar, while the latter thinks the opportunity an excellent one for trying to give the people of Baroda the advantages of a regular and honest administration. Lord Salisbury no doubt founds his argument on the fact that the charge brought against the Gaekwar was one of *disloyalty*, which entails forfeiture of the independence of a Native State. Some compromise will, we suppose, be eventually arranged; but it is not certain that the result will be known this week, for the Executive Council was not assembled at Simla before last Saturday, and we hear that, if the Viceroy had thought he could have his Proclamation ready for issue this week, he would have accepted Sir Lewis Pelly's offer to postpone going home till next mail. We must still remain, therefore, "waiting for the verdict;" but we can wait with some cheerfulness now that we are convinced the Government does not dream of perpetrating the incredible folly of restoring Mulharrao Gaekwar to the *gadee*.

Recent experience has shown what a prosperous State Baroda may become under good management. Sir Lewis Pelly has ruled the country for just three months; and in this short period of an honest and capable administration, such as Baroda never knew before, it has been clearly ascertained that the revenue it far more than sufficient to cover the expenditure. When Sir Lewis Pelly took charge of the State the only money in the Treasury was the sum of Rs. 2,000. Acting promptly and skilfully on a hint given him from Bombay, Sir Lewis succeeded in discovering 40 lakhs concealed in a room of the Palace, and he afterwards laid hands on nearly 20 lakhs more which the Gaekwar had deposited at Bombay and in various other outlying places. Then, a quarterly instalment of the revenue fell due, and, notwithstanding some rumours that have appeared to the contrary, the people have paid the taxes very willingly to the British authorities, who have collected about 15 lakhs, making in all 75 lakhs in hand. The expenses on account of the Commission have amounted to nearly 3 lakhs, and 4 or 5 lakhs have been spent in settling arrears of military pay and other outstandings. Even, however, after deducting these extraordinary payments, we believe that the balance of 7 or 8 lakhs of the revenue collected has more than covered all the cost of the reformed administration. It should be possible, therefore, to give Baroda a thoroughly well-organized government, and yet to leave at the close of each year a considerable surplus of revenue over expenditure.

Disquieting rumours from Nassick were published by us a short time ago with reference to the appearance of cholera in that sanitarium and charming little station. Even His Highness the Maharaja of Gwalior, whose present buoyancy of feelings owing to his warm reception in the Mahratta head-quarters might have induced him to brave the danger of entering any place in the Presidency, has looked askance at Nassick, because of its cholera taint. We were in hopes, however, that the appearance of the disease at Nassick signified nothing to cause alarm—that it was in fact only a slight exaggeration of the local symptoms of cholera which are ever and anon appearing in native cities—and that the medical talent on the spot would keep the malady from spreading far beyond Nassick. We are alarmed, however, by the reports which now come to us from the North-West Provinces and Oudh, which seem to show that if the disease has travelled from Nassick—though, as we say hereafter, this is doubtful—already a large portion of the country is under the influence of one of the most terrible scourges which Providence has ever invented to punish mankind. The story which comes to us from the North-West Provinces and Oudh is a dreadful one. Not only are we told of the appearance of cholera among pilgrims at Benares (which is not to be wondered at, seeing that during the recent eclipse the streets of the holy city of the Hindoos were so filled with people that the weary devotees lay about on the pavements or wherever a vacant place could be found), but we are informed that in Oudh a cholera panic prevails. Cawnpore, Fyzabad, and Joanpore, as well as Benares, have been scourged with the disease. And, horrible to relate, it has found many of its victims in railway trains. At Lucknow on the 8th, when the train arrived there eighteen corpses are said to have been laid out on the platform, and the journey is said to have been greatly prolonged owing to the frequent stoppages the train had to make in order that the dead or the dying cholera victims might be removed from the carriages. We have heard of many a ghastly journey made by rail, but none more horrible than this one. Those who were in the train, and knew for what purpose stoppage after stoppage was being made, must have experienced feelings which no pen could depict. Nothing could show more vividly the terrible nature of the disease and its inexorable swiftness than the fact that in a comparatively short journey by rail many deaths occurred, and that the stoppages of the train were often for an intensely more melancholy object than the mere convenience of passenger traffic. We hope that the officials on the Oudh and Rohilkund line are not to blame for this terrible outbreak. But we are sorry to see the accusation made against them in one of the Lucknow papers, that, notwithstanding that an enormous traffic between the large cities of Oudh and Benares might have been expected owing to the Hindoo festival, they made no arrangements whatever, and that the deaths from cholera were attributable to the overcrowding of the carriages and the want of sanitary arrangements in them. This is a matter which should be inquired into by Government; it would be scandalous to permit to pass uncontradicted the statement that a number of deaths from cholera during a railway journey were due not to any exceptional cause but were the natural result of penning a living mass of people together without making arrangements for their comfort of any description.

This hint about the state of the Oudh Railway inclines us to think that there really is no connection between the outbursts of cholera at Nassick and Oudh, and that the epidemic at the latter place, not being due to cholera germs, or whatever the subtle agency may be that carries cholera across the world in fatal marches, but to local causes, may disappear without extending its circles far enough to join the Nassick circle. There therefore is not so much cause for alarm as one might suppose from the fact of cholera raging simultaneously at Nassick and in Oudh, though had we not heard this story about the defective railway arrangements for carrying the crowds of dirty devotees who had been visiting Benares we might have been inclined to think that there was a connection between the outbreak which has occurred in the Bombay Presidency and that which is now reported from Oudh. We should have been supported in coming to this conclusion —a conclusion which would have induced us to believe that cholera was moving steadily over a large tract of India—by a curious phenomenon which has been observed in connection with cholera epidemics in India, and undoubtedly has not been absent on the present occasion. It is said that a famine never takes place in Hindoostan but cholera follows in its wake. Well, last year we had the Bengal Famine. But let us hope that on this occasion the Oudh epidemic is not due to some mysterious affinity with famines, but to apparent preventible causes. At the same time, we cannot be too cautious in making preparations for the possible advance of the disease to our doors. The letter which appears in our correspondence columns this morning is a sufficient indication that the public mind is alive to the necessity of adopting precautions to keep the cholera epidemic out of Bombay. What these precautions ought to be we leave professional people to decide; but we think we are entitled to hazard the remark that cholera is greatly favoured by dirt, experience showing that it will sooner accept invitations to carry on its deadly operations from a city that can offer it banquets of filth than from a city that is comparatively clean.

We trust to hear of a thorough and speedy fumigation of the carriages employed on the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway, and of efforts being made by the local authorities there to prevent the epidemic from widening its circles. As to the other cholera-stricken spot, Nassick, we are sorry to say we have no very favourable description to give of its condition yet. The authorities, however, are working with might and main to keep the disease from making progress. Our last accounts from Nassick, received by us yesterday, so far from showing that cholera was on the decrease, seemed to show that it was increasing in virulence. On Sunday last Dr. Cody, the Superintendent of Vaccination and Health Officer for the Western Circle, accompanied by Mr. Richardson, Mr. Burn, and the Health Inspector, Mr. Smith, made a searching inspection of all the back slums where the disease is most rife. It is to be hoped that the efforts of the party may achieve some success, and that the labour they undertook at no slight risk may not have been altogether thrown away. The suggestions they will have thrown out both for the care of the afflicted and the sanitary precautions for the preservation of the non-afflicted will, we trust, leave some mark on the progress of the disease. It seems, however, almost hopeless to do anything for the preservation of a people who will do so very little for themselves—people who through an ignorance almost culpable, and a prejudice perverse in the extreme, will insist on reducing to a minimum any chances they may have of successfully battling with the disease. Round and about their houses filth will accumulate despite all the efforts that can be brought to bear to prevent it; and the afflicted member of the family is located, in defiance of all advice, in the dingiest and most hidden kennel of the house, with the door shut and any crevice or hole which might admit of a ray of light or a breath of air carefully blocked up. He will be allowed to take no medicine, and receives little sustentation beyond what may be contained in the too demonstrative sympathy of sorrowing relations. Some one will go to the nearest temple, make an offering on the patient's behalf, and then all wait, without offering further attempts to use palliative means to decrease the disease, but expecting some miracle to interpose to relieve the sufferer of his disorder. No wonder that poor cholera-stricken people die, and die like rotten sheep, when such is the mode of relief their responsible relatives adopt. Already the disease has radiated slightly from the city itself and a few of the district villages have been invaded. Bearing this last fact in view, we repeat that it would be well if our local authorities took every precaution to adopt means to keep the archenemy out. In a matter of so much gravity we cannot be too careful.

The mail bags from Calcutta to Malda, robbed on Saturday last, have been recovered; the letters were much torn, and the registered covers empty. The runners were probably implicated.

An amicable settlement, as it is called, has been arranged between the Government and the Captain of the Kong Sverre, the former having agreed fully to indemnify the owners against all losses.

An attempt, on the part of a Native Christian convert of the American Mission, in Lucknow, was made the other day to pass off a forged cheque on the Delhi and London Bank. The matter is before the City Magistrate.

It is in contemplation by Government, says the Simla paper, to establish an Observatory in that sanitarium. There was one many years ago, under the management of Colonel Boileau, but it was abolished, for what reason we know not.

The crop and weather report for the N. W. Provinces for the week ending 10th April continues the same as for some weeks past. No change has taken place. In some parts the harvest is going on, in others it is finished. From Benares, on the 7th April, some cases of cholera among pilgrims in the city are reported.

The case of defamation against the Calcutta *Indian Statesman* brought by Mr. Williamson, Manager to Messrs. Finlay, Muir and Co., was withdrawn on Friday last. The *Statesman* says:—Although a verdict of "Not guilty" would, of course, have been more agreeable to us, we consented that the indictment should be withdrawn. The defendant is now entitled to his costs.

The erection of a new Jute Mill, at Calcutta, under Mr. Berkmyre's care, is not altogether an unmixed good, for we see it stated in the home papers that a Greenock Jute Company (presumably Mr. Berkmyre's) employing between 400 and 500 h

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

MORE TROOPS FOR BURMAH.

MADRAS 21ST APRIL.

An intimation has been received for the following troops to be held in readiness for departure at any moment.

The 5th Battery 5th Brigade, Royal Artillery, for Rangoon.

Four officers, 135 rank and file of the 89th Regiment for Port Blair, to relieve the detachment of the 1st Battalion 21st Fusiliers, remanded to head quarters at Rangoon.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE TROOPSHIP CROCODILE.

LONDON, 11TH APRIL.

H. M.'s troopship Crocodile, homeward bound from Bombay, passed safely through the Suez Canal on the 10th instant.

VISIT OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY TO ITALY.

BERLIN, 11TH APRIL.

The Crown Prince will visit Italy *incognito*.

The *Nord Deutsche Zeitung* partially contradicts the now prevalent warlike rumours, but considers that the reorganization of the French Army is disquieting.

The Bishops now assembled at Fulda have petitioned the Emperor against disendowment, the Ministry have rejected the petition.

DISASTROUS COLLISION AT SEA.

SHANGHAI, 12TH APRIL.

A most disastrous collision took place yesterday off this port between the local trading steamers Ocean and Fusing, the weather being extremely foggy.

The Fusing was sunk, and it is believed the loss of life has been very great.

LONDON, 10TH APRIL, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed dull. Surats heavy.

The London Cotton Market has been dull.

Fair Dhollera	5 5/16.
Exchange on India	1 9 7/8
Oriental Bank shares	£48
Chartered do. do.	£16
Do. Mercantile do.	£23-10
Hong-kong and Shanghai shares..	£23
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	93
4½ do. do.	94
5½ do. do.	100
3 per cent. Consols for account	93⅛
6 do. French Rente 1872.....	102¾
Bar Silver	57 3/16.

THE O'BRIEN FUND.

It gives us much pleasure to state that Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier has sent Mr. Kirkham a cheque for Rs. 1,000 (one thousand) as a contribution to the Fund for the widow and family of the late Mr. O'Brien.

MR. B. H. ELLIS.

The Hon. B. H. Ellis arrived in Bombay on Sunday evening, having travelled by train from Ahmedabad, and is now the guest of Mr. Gibbs. The Byculla Club gives Mr. Ellis a complimentary farewell dinner to-morrow (Wednesday) evening. We believe Mr. Ellis intends visiting Mahableshwar and staying there a week or two before leaving India.

DEPARTURE OF SIR LEWIS PELLY.

A large number of European ladies and gentlemen attended at the Apollo Bunder last evening to bid God-speed to Colonel Sir Lewis Pelly, K.C.S.I., who left for England by the mail steamer yesterday. Sir Lewis drove down to the bunder with Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, in the Baronet's carriage and pair, and exchanged salutations with several gentlemen who were present at the bunder head to meet him on the occasion of his departure. Among those observed at the bunder were Captain Henry, Mr. C. Currey, Mr Cleveland, the Hon. A. R. Scoble, Mr. H. Maxwell, Mr. W. G. Hall, Dr. Seward, Abdoolla Bauker Ally, the Hon. Mahomed Ali Rogay, Colonel Thacker, Sir Charles Sargent, Mr. F. H. Souter, C. S. I., Mr. W. G. Pedder, and others. The gallant Colonel tarried long at the bunder, evidently waiting for some friend whom he wished to see before leaving. About a quarter to 6 P. M., he left the bunder in a boat belonging to H. M. S. Glasgow, with a number of friends, among whom were several ladies, Sir Charles Sargent, Mr. Souter, and other gentlemen.

THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK AT LUCKNOW.

We learn from the Lucknow paper that seven persons were taken out of the train from Shahjehanpore on Tuesday night, who had been seized with cholera during the journey. They were immediately conveyed to the Bulrampore Hospital, where, we believe, three of them died and four are convalescing. One man was also taken out of the Cawnpore train, on the same evening, suffering under an attack of the same disease. We have since heard that, by almost every train which has arrived here, during the last few days, cholera stricken passengers have been taken out of them. Over-crowding—crowding almost to suffocation—is the cause assigned. "It may be excusable on the part of the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway Company to yield to the temptation of "making hay while the sun shines" but we consider it highly reprehensible on the part of the heads of certain departments, the Traffic especially, that such defective arrangements, or rather, no arrangements at all, should have been made to meet the extraordinary crush of traffic, which it was well-known would result from the present Hindoo festival, or *Nahan*. Numerous cases of cholera are of daily occurrence amongst native passengers while travelling in the over-crowded carriages, so numerous indeed that the Company have been compelled to form a cholera-camp somewhere on the line between this and Fyzabad for their reception. This, of course, was not anticipated but, in our opinion, it ought to have been. However, it can be remedied now by a copious supply disinfecting the carriages with carbolic of lime.

It is also stated that, for want of rolling stock, [illegible] made available for the conveyance of passengers. This mode of travelling in [illegible] may be preferable to the [illegible] remember rightly, it [illegible] order of Government in [illegible] with danger to life and [illegible] Oudh & Railway authorities [illegible] existence of this order.—

BOMBAY.

The Rev. [illegible] B. O. Douglas will conduct the service at the [illegible] Church, Esplanade, to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 5.30.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore and Hongkong per extra s.s. Sunda will be closed at the General Post Office on the 14th instant at 10 A. M. C. A. Stuart, Post Master.

DRUNKENNESS.—Dan. Bowell, a European fireman, was yesterday charged, before Mr. Nana Morejee at the instance of Inspector D'Arcy with the above offence and was, on conviction, fined one Rupee.

A DESTITUTE CHILD.—A destitute child named Sassoon Jununeshs who had been abondoned by its parents, was yesterday sent to the David Sassoon's Reformatory by order of Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee, second Magistrate of Police.

DEATH FROM A FALL.—An inquest was held on Sunday, at Ballo Doctor Street, on the body of a Hindoo name unknown. The body was not identified by any one. The Jury returned a verdict of death from fracture of the skull the result of an accidental fall from a window on the fourth story of a house.

ACCIDENTS.—A woman named Bhagee, who was employed, in a godown in the Don Tar, Third row, sustained a compound fracture of the left leg on Sunday by the falling of some goods upon her. On the same day a Hindoo, who was engaged in driving a bullock cart, fell off the cart, and the wheel passing over his leg it was broken. He was sent to Hospital.

FILING UP THE RUPEE.—The money flown in steadily on behalf of the Borderers' Band Fund. We would invite further additions in order that the object aimed at may be gained, with a few more slender efforts that object will be gained. On the 9th April we received seven rupees. From Mr. Gamble Rs. 5., Mr. J. Macdonald Re. 1., Mr. Jacob, National Bank, Re. 1. Total in hand Rs. 178.

DISOBEDIENCE.—George Harrison and Alfred Fielding, two seamen belonging to the British steamer *Tartar*, were yesterday charged, before Mr. Nana Morejee, at the instance of Captain W. C. Nesbitt, with the above offence, and were sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for a week each, and then to be sent on board again. The first prisoner said he wished to bring a civil action against the Captain, and stated that he would not work on board the ship again for any one.

MUSSULMANS AND PARSEES.—Three Mussulmans were yesterday charged, before Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee, at the Fort Police Court, with having assaulted two Parsees on Saturday last. The first complainant Rustom Seerosha deposed that on the night in question, at about 10 p.m., he went to a Parsee cook's shops, which is situated in the Null Bazaar and sat down in the verandah. While so engaged the defendants came up; one of them caught and pulled him down, whereupon the others beat him with a stick. The other complainant Rustomjee Byramjee went to the assistance of the witness, and was himself assaulted in consequence. The complainants said that they were unacquainted with the defendants. The offence being proved, his Worship directed the prisoners to pay a fine of Rs. 25 each, or in default to undergo a month's imprisonment. He also ordered that Rs. 15, out of the fine, if recovered, should be paid to the first complainant, and Rs. 10 to the second.

BOMBAY NATIVE GENERAL LIBRARY.—The twenty-ninth annual general meeting of the library was held in the Hall of the Framjee Cowasjee Institute on Thursday last. The Hon. Rao Sahib V. N. Mandlik, Chairman of the committee, in the chair. The notice convening the meeting, and the report of the managing committee for the year 1874 were read. It was then proposed and second that the Report be received and adopted. As an amendment it was proposed by Mr. N. J. Ruttonjee, the Parsee youth who "lost his train of reasoning" at a meeting held lately in the Town Hall, and seconded by Mr. Vishnu Yeshwant Rege, "that the report is not satisfactory; that the report should be adopted with regret; that the committee, during the past year, did no service to the members; and that, while allowing wasteful expenditure, they misunderstood their duties to members, assumed an attitude towards them which was not justified by the circumstances, limited the facilities for reading, and gave ground for numerous complaints, especially among a quiet, poor, and industrious class of members, and that this was carried to such an extent that a requisition was signed by seven members for a special general meeting for a modification of rules and regulations and for the redress of their grievances a requisition, however, which was not complied with." The amendment was put to the meeting and was lost, the proposer and seconder only voting for it. The original proposition was then put as a substantive motion and was carried. A vote of thanks was recorded to the president, secretary, treasurer, and other members of the managing committee for their services during the past year. Messrs. Dadabhoy Pestonjee Master, and Pandurang Balbhadra were thanked for auditing the accounts of the library for the past year, and were reappointed auditors for the next. In concluding their report, the committee alluded to the death of Dr. Bhau Dajee in the following terms:—"The committee had the painful duty to announce to the members in their last year's report the serious illness of their Chairman Dr. Bhau Dajee. They have this year the more melancholy duty to announce and record the irreparable death of that learned scholar and distinguished colleague, whose untimely removal has caused intense sorrow among the members of his family and also among a host of friends and admirers, and the committee have further to observe, with very great regret, that the Bombay community has lost, in Dr. Bhau Dajee, a true friend of the poor, and the literary world a zealous and devoted scholar, whose place will not be easily supplied."

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A Major Hill has, we observe, served a notice, through his solicitors in Bombay, Messrs. Hearn, Cleveland and Lee-Warner, on the Kurrachee Municipality, threatening it with legal proceedings if his claim for compensation for damage done to his carriage be not discharged. The Municipality informed Messrs. Hearn, Cleveland and Lee-Warner that the claim would be considered at a Special Meeting of the Commissioners.

A few such claims for damages will have some effect, we fancy, our roads. Mr. Leggett gave the benefit of his opinion to the Municipality on Major Hill's claim, and charged, we see Rs. 50 for the opinion.—*Sindian.*

On Saturday evening at 6-30 P. M. an entertainment was given to Rao Bahadoor Viziarungum Modliar on his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Municipality. A large party was invited and all heartily united in speaking of the public spirit, common sense and energy which characterize the retiring Chairman. He has certainly defended the interests where they needed his help. It is to be hoped that he now retires because he finds that his labours in behalf of the citizens of Poona have secured for them a good Municipal Government.—*Deccan Herald.*

A correspondent writes to us that the people of Lanowlee are likely to lose Dr. Balfour. It seems that the G. I. P. Railway Company promised to build him a dwelling house and hospital, and have not done so. At great inconvenience and expense Dr. Balfour had to take a house at Khandalla and has had hitherto to go to and from Lanowlee the best way he could. This has been a very sickly season there, and Dr. Balfour finds it impossible to continue to do justice to his patients while he has neither dwelling-house nor hospital on the spot. We are told that Balfour is about to resign his appointment. Surely if this is true the Dr. Balfour finds it impossible to continue to do justice to his patients while he has neither dwelling-house nor hospital on the spot. We are told that Balfour is about to resign his appointment. Surely if this is true the G. I. P. Railway Company have been penny-wise and pound foolish.—*Id.*

THE new road by the Mhar river from Bombay to Mahableshwar is now open. A steamer takes passengers to within a few miles of Mhar from whence they can proceed either by palkee or carriage after a few more days. The road is not yet declared open for carriages carrying passengers, though empty carriages may be sent that way. We would not trust to their being empty carriages, however, as the garry wallas usually take the opportunity of their masters' empty carriages either to take their own families or native passengers. We remember on one occasion passing a carriage which the owner supposed was travelling empty between Poona and Mahableshwar; it was crowded with women and children, while the owners were saving it by going in a phaeton themselves. We would advise our readers to see that their carriages do go up empty.—*Id.*

One of the grandest meetings ever held in the city was held on Saturday night in the quadrangle of the Poona Free Church Institution, Aditwar Pair. The quadrangle and galleries were crowded with an enthusiastic audience assembled to hear the Rev. A. N. Somerville address educated natives. A great many of Europeans were present and crowds of educated natives. The subject of Mr. Somerville's address was the Man of Macedonia coming to Paul and saying "Come over and help us." Mr. Somerville said we in England have received the gospel from Asia and we come now to bring it back to you, from it we have received all the light and civilization which we have now and we desire to give back to Asia the blessings which we have received from it. The lecture was exceedingly earnest and grand in the truest sense of that word. The spirit of Mr. Somerville is evidently one of great love for his fellowmen—the true Christian spirit.

Mr. Somerville and his son leave Poona this morning for Nagpore: from Nagpore they proceed to Calcutta, and thence take steamer to England. There are many in India who will look back to Mr. Somerville's visit as a time of blessing—some in Poona will join those in Madras, Agra, &c., in thanking God for sending him and his son to India.—*Id.*

A EUROPEAN named Roberts, was, the night before last, found dead among a lot of natives who were asleep on some raised wooden platforms on the south side of the Dhurrumtollah market. The alarm of the natives may be better imagined than described at finding themselves lying by the side of a dead man, and he, too, a European. Enquiries were instituted regarding him, and it was ascertained that he had been an inmate of the House of Industry for about twelve months, and was expelled for misconduct. He was seen knocking about the market the same day, and had been drinking with some acquaintances of his. To one of these he stated in the afternoon, that since the morning he had eaten about four annas worth of opium, but this was discredited, as he seemed to be not in the least affected by it. When he lay down to sleep, is not known, but in the course of the night, he was noticed by a native constable, who believing him drunk, sent information to the local thanaah, in order to obtain a stretcher for his removal to the lock up; one of these being obtained, they were about putting him into it, when it was discovered that life was extinct. The immediate cause of death is unkown, but the inquest to be held on his body will, no doubt, unravel the mystery.—*Calcutta Indian Statesman.*

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Hydaspes, Captain D. Rennoldson, sailed yesterday for Southampton, via the Suez Canal, with the English Mail and the following additional passengers:—

For Southampton.—Mrs. Walsh, Mr A Jupp, Miss Shapton, Mrs Leggett, and Captain Stinner and child.

THE O'BRIEN FAMILY FUND.

THE Rev. Mr. Macpherson desires us to acknowledge the following sums:—

A Lady	Rs. 30
R. Duthie Esq.	„ 25
Unknown	„ 10
N. Spencer (Senior) Esq	„ 10
P. MacArthur Esq	„ 10

We beg to acknowledge receipt of Rs. 10 from "A. B." and "C. D.," Baroda.

THE FALL OF A FLOOR OF A HOUSE.

THE following is the evidence given at the Inquest on the bodies of the children who were smothered in the dust and rubbish of the wreck of the floor that fell in whilst the room was crowded. The value of this evidence will be estimated in reference to the way in which buildings in Bombay are constructed, and additional proof is afforded of the necessity of a Building Act for Bombay.

Rajbai woman, deposed—I am the mother of the girl Sonebai, who was about thirteen years of age. I lived on the second story of the house, in a room facing the street. There was a ground floor and three upper stories in the house. Yesterday (Friday) afternoon, the owner of the house, Laljee Ludha, gave a dinner party, at which there were about one hundred, or one hundred and twenty people present, all of whom were collected on the second story. At about 3 o'clock, His Highness Aga Khan and his son Ali Shah came. The deceased and three other girls, who have been killed, were present. After some time, His Highness got up to go away, and as he did so, all the people in the room stood up. Just as His Highness passed from the room, there was a great crash, the floor gave way, and everyone in the room was precipitated into the room below. My daughter was found about an hour afterwards buried in the *debris*, there were no marks of violence on her body.

Prembai, woman, deposed that she was the mother of the girl Fatma, who was about three years old. She corroborated the preceding witness and further said:—Before His Highness's son, Ali Shah, could follow his father out of the room, the floor gave way, and we all fell down into the room below a distance of about thirteen feet. I was standing near the wall, and the falling matter knocked the deceased out of my arms.

Majje Joolam Hoosein corrobarated the statements of the last witness and identified the bodies of two of the deceased as being his children.—Tubbabai, aged five years, and Jeunabai aged eleven months.

Laljee Ludha, the owner of the house deposed—I bought the house in 1868, and believe it was built during the previous year. It appeared to be a strong house. Yesterday a tenant of mine, named Allana Mohowjee gave a dinner party at which I was present. I was in another room when the accident occurred, and had no suspicion that the main beam of that room was rotten.

Mr. Hewson, Superintendent of the Building Department of the Municipality, then deposed—I have examined the house No. 36, Don Tar, Third Row, particularly the floor which gave way. The floor was composed of wooden planks resting on a bed of mud and chunam about five inches thick. The floor was supported by a thick wooden beam about fourteen inches deep and ten inches in breadth. This beam is made in three pieces, spliced at the ends which were inserted into the masonry wall and which are partially decayed. The masonry was built right round the end of the beam without leaving, as ought to be done, an open space, when the decay would have been prevented. I am informed that about one hundred and twenty-five persons were collected in the room, and I am of opinion that the great weight of such a number of men caused the ends of the beam to give way. The beam required to be much stronger to bear the sudden giving way of the floor, and a great part of it must be pulled down. The primary cause of the fall of the beam has been faulty construction.

Dr. Gray then gave the evidence which he stated that he considered the children's deaths resulted from suffocation and not from injuries received by the falling of the *debris*.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with Dr. Gray's evidence and attributed the occurrence to accident.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

EXCERPTS from the Proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on the 8th instant.

Read Government Resolution No. 372 dated 31st March 1875, instructing the Accountant-General to advance the amount shown by the Trustee's Budget for 1875-76 to be required for new works viz. Rs. 71,980, as it may be needed.

Resolution.—To be recorded.

Read letter from the Traffic Manager dated 19th March, submitting application from Mr. Shewlal Ascharam for a lease of 335 1/9 square yards of land near Musjid overbridge on a lease for 10 years at a rent of Re. 1 per square yard per annum—the land to be used for the erection of a shed in which to store chaff.

The Traffic Manager recommends that a lease be granted for 5 years.

The Land Committee consider that the application should be granted.

Resolution.—A lease should be granted for 5 years on the terms suggested.

Government Resolution No. 490 dated 6th April, forwarding Secretary of State's despatch authorising the construction of the Elphinstone Dock, with the Government of India's opinion thereon, was considered, a copy having been furnished to each of the Trustees, the Resolution was not read.

Resolution.—Consideration postponed till next meeting. The Secretary should mention that a letter is being addressed to Government that the condition under which the Secretary of State has ordered a loan to be made to the Trustees, viz. on the security of the whole revenues of the Port Trust, from whatever source they may be derived, is unfavorable to the Trustees, and that under which the Government of India agreed to advance the necessary loan:—viz., that if dock dues at Rs. 1-4 per ton on goods and 4 annas per ton on ships did not suffice to pay working expenses and interest upon the cost of the docks, then the general revenues of the country should supply the deficiency.

A Committee consisting of Captains Robinson and Henry, Colonel Hancock and Mr. Mathew, along with the Chairman is appointed to consider and report upon all other matters left undecided by the Secretary of State.

Read letter from the Deputy Conservator, dated 15th March, bringing to the notice of the Trustees the gradual silting up of the North West portion of the Harbour with the view of steps being taken to remedy the same.

Read also opinions of members of the Harbour and pilotage committee on the subject.

Resolution.—The Deputy Conservator's letter should be forwarded to Government with an intimation that the Superintendent of Marine and the Superintendent P. and O. Company strongly support the Deputy Conservator's opinion and that the Trustees consider that the Hydrographical Department of the Government of India should be called upon to report on the extent and cause of the alleged silting, and should also report what remedial measures should be adopted.

The papers should likewise be forwarded to the Acting Chief Engineer, Port Trust for any remarks he may have to make on them.

Resolution of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, Nos. 112-13-M, dated 25th March 1875 Read again—

Despatch to Secretary of State, Nos. 123 and 124 P. W., dated 24th August 1874.

Read also—

No. 16-P.-W., dated 18th February 1875.

From the Secretary of State for India,

To the Government of India.

I am now in a position to convey to your Excellency the decision of H. M.'s Government on the subject of the project for Wet Docks at Bombay, regarding which there has of late been so much correspondence, and I am glad to be able to add that the decision arrived at very closely coincides with the course of procedure which your Governments has from the beginning recommended.

2. As between the two competing sites for the docks, those of the Elphinstone Estate and Moody Bay, I deem the former, in the present state of affairs, to be decidedly preferable. Whatever might at one time have been the recommendations of Moody Bay, its selection now would almost certainly involve a greatly increased expenditure. The plans prepared in connexion with it contemplate an amount of accommodation greatly in excess of the present requirements of the port, while for want of the protection which the batteries on Cross Island afford to the Elphinstone Estate, the docks in Moody Bay would be more exposed in time of war.

3. A question was raised during an earlier stage of the correspondence which has now almost dropped out of view, whether the Musjid Basin should, in conjunction with, or in substitution for, the Elphinstone Basin, be converted into a dock. After a careful consideration of the estimates and reports submitted to me, and of the reasons for a different opinion advanced by the Bombay Government on one side, and the Port Trust on the other, I agree with your Excellency in thinking that the conversion of the Elphinstone Dock alone will best meet the exigencies of the case.

4. In now authorizing the construction of the Elphinstone Dock, I am anxious that the sanction thus conveyed should be understood as applying to "the scheme as a whole, and by no means as intended to shackle the discretion of the Government of Bombay, or of the Port Trust acting under the control of that Government, in regard to modification of details.

5. With respect both to the best position and the best shape for the dock entrance, and also to the expediency of replacing the existing earthen face of the Elphinstone Basin by a wharf wall of masonry, the opinion expressed by different authorities, and even by the same authority at different times, are so widely at variance with each other, that I could not profitably comment on the responsibility of deciding between them. The determination of these and of other unsettled minor points may advisably be left to the local authorities, as being the most directly interested in the success of the docks, subject only to the general condition that the works shall be so designed that the final estimates shall not exceed the sum named in a subsequent para. as that which may be granted as a loan for the object. A copy of a paper drawn up by Mr. Ormiston, in explanation of his own individual views on various matters, is, however, enclosed herewith for information.

6. Unfortunately, extreme differences of opinion are not confined to details, but extend even to so vital a particular as that of the cost of the whole undertaking, the estimates for which range from 58 to 76 lakhs. It may be safer to overrate than to underrate the requisite expenditure, and provisionally to accept the larger of the amounts named as the one most likely to prove correct. Your Government is, therefore, authorized,—after a final project and revised estimate have been prepared and sanctioned by the local Government, in compliance with the 36th Section of Act I. of 1873, showing that the conditions as to the total cost will be fulfilled as far as can be foreseen,—to make to the Bombay Port Trust a loan not exceeding 76 lakhs, on the security not simply of the dock dues, but of all other revenues of the Port Trust, from whatever source derived.

7. I shall now, in pursuance of the desire expressed in your Excellency's letter No. 89, of 15th June last, authorize Mr. Ormiston to make such arrangements in regard to the provision of plant and otherwise as may be requisite in this country, with a view to commencement of actual work in the Elphinstone Basin after next monsoon.

Dated 7th January 1875.

Memo. by T. Ormiston, Esq. M. Inst. C. E. Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, on Native Craft Anchorage, Bombay Docks.

The alleged disturbance of the Native Craft Anchorage has been disproved by the Trustees, who have reported that there is plenty of room in the Harbour to re-arrange the anchorage without practical inconvenience wherever the channel or the docks may be placed.

2. It has been affirmed nevertheless that, if Moody Bay be selected as a site for docks, the Native Boat Anchorage would not be affected, but the plan of the anchorages of the native craft, recently forwarded by the Bombay Government to the Secretary of State, shows that the construction of a dock in Moody Bay would do away with the present "Inshore Native Anchorages" there, containing 63 acres, whereas the Elphinstone Dock (taking 700 feet as an ample width for the Elphinstone Channel) would only disturb anchorage containing an area of 15 acres. With respect to the alleged disturbance of the warfage for native craft by the construction of the Elphinstone Dock, I have shown in my Report No. 250, dated 8th August 1874, that setting aside the dock site, there would still be left 50 per cent. more warfage length, and that of a better description than there was prior to the commencement of the Elphinstone Reclamation, when the traffic was much the same as it is at present.

3. With respect to this question generally, I beg to submit the following remarks, viz:—

(*a*).—Steamers are displacing sailors in the coasting trade; and steamers, which must have quick despatch, will certainly go into docks or basins, if these are available.

(*b*).—When the docks come into use, the present large fleet of cargo boats will be no longer required, consequently smaller anchorages than at present will then suffice.

(*c*).—The Native boats lie, in their present anchorages, in the stream, because the present basins are dry at low-water, and the build of the vessels does not admit of their being left high and dry with safety.

(*d*).—It has been my intention, when the proper time arrived, to propose that the existing basins be deepened to 6 feet at low-water. If this were done, the Native boats would lie inside the basins, and special areas for anchoring in the stream would be no longer required.

(*e*).—I am, therefore, of opinion that the question of Native boat anchorages need not be further considered, and, indeed, that it need never have been seriously entertained.

CHANNELS.

4. The scheme I recommended to be carried out in the first instance is the Elphinstone Dock. The project includes deepening both the Elphinstone and Southern Channels to 12 feet at low-water springs. The estimate for the channel works is £64,193, exclusive of contingencies, establishment, and accruing interest.

5. The scheme recommended by the Trustees is also the Elphinstone Dock, but it includes a southern channel only, the estimate for the works of which is £96,968 exclusive of contingencies, establishment, and accruing interest.

6. The greater cost of the Trustees' southern channel, as compared with both of mine is because of its being made 15 feet wide at the springs; while which were inserted into the masonry wall and which are partially decayed. The masonry was built right round the end of the beam without leaving, as ought to be done, an open space, when the decay would have been prevented. I am informed that about one hundred and twenty-five persons were collected in the room, and I am of opinion that the great weight of such a number of men caused the ends of the beam to give way. The beam required to be much stronger to bear the sudden giving way of the floor, and a great part of it must be pulled down. The primary cause of the fall of the beam has been faulty construction.

Dr. Gray then gave the evidence which he stated that he considered the children's deaths resulted from suffocation and not from injuries received by the falling of the *debris*.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with Dr. Gray's evidence and attributed the occurrence to accident.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

EXCERPTS from the Proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on the 8th instant.

Read Government Resolution No. 372 dated 31st March 1875, instructing the Accountant-General to advance the amount shown by the Trustee's Budget for 1875-76 to be required for new works viz. Rs. 71,980, as it may be needed.

Resolution.—To be recorded.

Read letter from the Traffic Manager dated 19th March, submitting application from Mr. Shewlal Ascharam for a lease of 335 1/9 square yards of land near Musjid overbridge on a lease for 10 years at a rent of Re. 1 per square yard per annum—the land to be used for the erection of a shed in which to store chaff.

The Traffic Manager recommends that a lease be granted for 5 years.

The Land Committee consider that the application should be granted.

Resolution.—A lease should be granted for 5 years on the terms suggested.

Government Resolution No. 490 dated 6th April, forwarding Secretary of State's despatch authorising the construction of the Elphinstone Dock, with the Government of India's opinion thereon, was considered, a copy having been furnished to each of the Trustees, the Resolution was not read.

Resolution.—Consideration postponed till next meeting. The Secretary should mention that a letter is being addressed to Government that the condition under which the Secretary of State has ordered a loan to be made to the Trustees, viz. on the security of the whole revenues of the Port Trust, from whatever source they may be derived, is unfavorable to the Trustees, and that under which the Government of India agreed to advance the necessary loan:—viz., that if dock dues at Rs. 1-4 per ton on goods and 4 annas per ton on ships did not suffice to pay working expenses and interest upon the cost of the docks, then the general revenues of the country should supply the deficiency.

A Committee consisting of Captains Robinson and Henry, Colonel Hancock and Mr. Mathew, along with the Chairman is appointed to consider and report upon all other matters left undecided by the Secretary of State.

Read letter from the Deputy Conservator, dated 15th March, bringing to the notice of the Trustees the gradual silting up of the North West portion of the Harbour with the view of steps being taken to remedy the same.

Read also opinions of members of the Harbour and pilotage committee on the subject.

Resolution.—The Deputy Conservator's letter should be forwarded to Government with an intimation that the Superintendent of Marine and the Superintendent P. and O. Company strongly support the Deputy Conservator's opinion and that the Trustees consider that the Hydrographical Department of the Government of India should be called upon to report on the extent and cause of the alleged silting, and should also report what remedial measures should be adopted.

The papers should likewise be forwarded to the Acting Chief Engineer, Port Trust for any remarks he may have to make on them.

Resolution of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, Nos. 112-13-M, dated 25th March 1875 Read again—

Despatch to Secretary of State, Nos. 123 and 124 P. W., dated 24th August 1874.

Read also—

No. 16-P.-W., dated 18th February 1875.

From the Secretary of State for India,

To the Government of India.

I am now in a position to convey to your Excellency the decision of H. M.'s Government on the subject of the project for Wet Docks at Bombay, regarding which there has of late been so much correspondence, and I am glad to be able to add that the decision arrived at very closely coincides with the course of procedure which your Governments has from the beginning recommended.

2. As between the two competing sites for the docks, those of the Elphinstone Estate and Moody Bay, I deem the former, in the present state of affairs, to be decidedly preferable. Whatever might at one time have been the recommendations of Moody Bay, its selection now would almost certainly involve a greatly increased expenditure. The plans prepared in connexion with it contemplate an amount of accommodation greatly in excess of the present requirements of the port, while for want of the protection which the batteries on Cross Island afford to the Elphinstone Estate, the docks in Moody Bay would be more exposed in time of war.

3. A question was raised during an earlier stage of the correspondence which has now almost dropped out of view, whether the Musjid Basin should, in conjunction with, or in substitution for, the Elphinstone Basin, be converted into a dock. After a careful consideration of the estimates and reports submitted to me, and of the reasons for a different opinion advanced by the Bombay Government on one side, and the Port Trust on the other, I agree with your Excellency in thinking that the conversion of the Elphinstone Dock alone will best meet the exigencies of the case.

4. In now authorizing the construction of the Elphinstone Dock, I am anxious that the sanction thus conveyed should be understood as applying to "the scheme as a whole, and by no means as intended to shackle the discretion of the Government of Bombay, or of the Port Trust acting under the control of that Government, in regard to modification of details.

5. With respect both to the best position and the best shape for the dock entrance, and also to the expediency of replacing the existing earthen face of the Elphinstone Basin by a wharf wall of masonry, the opinion expressed by different authorities, and even by the same authority at different times, are so widely at variance with each other, that I could not profitably comment on the responsibility of deciding between them. The determination of these and of other unsettled minor points may advisably be left to the local authorities, as being the most directly interested in the success of the docks, subject only to the general condition that the works shall be so designed that the final estimates shall not exceed the sum named in a subsequent para. as that which may be granted as a loan for the object. A copy of a paper drawn up by Mr. Ormiston, in explanation of his own individual views on various matters, is, however, enclosed herewith for information.

6. Unfortunately, extreme differences of opinion are not confined to details, but extend even to so vital a particular as that of the cost of the whole undertaking, the estimates for which range from 58 to 76 lakhs. It may be safer to overrate than to underrate the requisite expenditure, and provisionally to accept the larger of the amounts named as the one most likely to prove correct. Your Government is, therefore, authorized,—after a final project and revised estimate have been prepared and sanctioned by the local Government, in compliance with the 36th Section of Act I. of 1873, showing that the conditions as to the total cost will be fulfilled as far as can be foreseen,—to make to the Bombay Port Trust a loan not exceeding 76 lakhs, on the security not simply of the dock dues, but of all other revenues of the Port Trust, from whatever source derived.

7. I shall now, in pursuance of the desire expressed in your Excellency's letter No. 89, of 15th June last, authorize Mr. Ormiston to make such arrangements in regard to the provision of plant and otherwise as may be requisite in this country, with a view to commencement of actual work in the Elphinstone Basin after next monsoon.

Dated 7th January 1875.

Memo. by T. Ormiston, Esq. M. Inst. C. E. Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, on Native Craft Anchorage, Bombay Docks.

The alleged disturbance of the Native Craft Anchorage has been disproved by the Trustees, who have reported that there is plenty of room in the Harbour to re-arrange the anchorage without practical inconvenience wherever the channel or the docks may be placed.

2. It has been affirmed nevertheless that, if Moody Bay be selected as a site for docks, the Native Boat Anchorage would not be affected, but the plan of the anchorages of the native craft, recently forwarded by the Bombay Government to the Secretary of State, shows that the construction of a dock in Moody Bay would do away with the present "Inshore Native Anchorages" there, containing 63 acres, whereas the Elphinstone Dock (taking 700 feet as an ample width for the Elphinstone Channel) would only disturb anchorage containing an area of 15 acres. With respect to the alleged disturbance of the warfage for native craft by the construction of the Elphinstone Dock, I have shown in my Report No. 250, dated 8th August 1874, that setting aside the dock site, there would still be left 50 per cent. more warfage length, and that of a better description than there was prior to the commencement of the Elphinstone Reclamation, when the traffic was much the same as it is at present.

3. With respect to this question generally, I beg to submit the following remarks, viz:—

(*a*).—Steamers are displacing sailors in the coasting trade; and steamers, which must have quick despatch, will certainly go into docks or basins, if these are available.

(*b*).—When the docks come into use, the present large fleet of cargo boats will be no longer required, consequently smaller anchorages than at present will then suffice.

(*c*).—The Native boats lie, in their present anchorages, in the stream, because the present basins are dry at low-water, and the build of the vessels does not admit of their being left high and dry with safety.

(*d*).—It has been my intention, when the proper time arrived, to propose that the existing basins be deepened to 6 feet at low-water. If this were done, the Native boats would lie inside the basins, and special areas for anchoring in the stream would be no longer required.

(*e*).—I am, therefore, of opinion that the question of Native boat anchorages need not be further considered, and, indeed, that it need never have been seriously entertained.

CHANNELS.

4. The scheme I recommended to be carried out in the first instance is the Elphinstone Dock. The project includes deepening both the Elphinstone and Southern Channels to 12 feet at low-water springs. The estimate for the channel works is £64,193, exclusive of contingencies, establishment, and accruing interest.

5. The scheme recommended by the Trustees is also the Elphinstone Dock, but it includes a southern channel only, the estimate for the works of which is £96,968 exclusive of contingencies, establishment, and accruing interest.

6. The greater cost of the Trustees' southern channel, as compared with both of mine is because of its being made 15 feet wide at the springs; while it increases its length, besides which, the width required for a navigable channel for large vessels involves a considerable amount of rock excavation under water, which is an expensive kind of work. The Elphinstone Channel being sheltered by Cross Island, and being further up the Harbour, has less "sea" than the Southern Channel, and I understand that it is partly on that account, and partly because the bottom is in places rocky, that the Trustees required their Southern Channel to be made 3 feet deeper than the Elphinstone Channel.

7. I have recommended the Elphinstone Channel as the approach to the Elphinstone Dock for several reasons, such as—

(*a*.)—It is cheaper than the Southern Channel.

(*b*.)—It is shorter and more direct.

(*c*.)—It is more sheltered from the south-west monsoon swell.

(*d*.)—It has no rock either on its bed or at its sides, and may, therefore, be deepened or widened, if required, at a moderate cost.

(*e*.)—Should vessels take the ground on its bed, they would receive no damage, being warp-born on a soft bottom.

(*f*.)—It is a general regulation that vessels shall be docked on the flood, and in practice they have so, to avoid being caught on the dock sill. The current of the flood-tide in the Elphinstone Channel is against vessels entering, by reason of which they would have steerage way with a small actual speed over the ground. In the Southern Channel, on the contrary, the flood current would run with the entering ship, the actual speed of which would, therefore, require to be considerably increased, so as to give steerage way, without which a free vessel is not under command. It is obvious that it is not desirable to have a small way on a large vessel in a crowded harbour making for a dock, and I consider the Elphinstone Channel to be more favourably situated in this respect than the Southern Channel.

(*g*.)—The Elphinstone Channel does not interfere with the basins lower down (the Musjid, Nicol and Carnac basins), into and out of which a large number of coasting vessels are constantly passing at high-water, which is the very time the channel would be used by large vessels to, and from the docks, whereas the Southern Channel passes the entrances of all these, and there would be a probability of collision between vessels going to the docks and those coming out of the basins.

8. Having made these statements, it may appear desirable that I should explain why I include a Southern Channel at all as part of my scheme. To the extent I propose to go at present, it is a cheap work, and its object is to increase the scour through the Elphinstone Channel. Incidentally, it also improves the inshore navigation for native craft. I may state that it was first suggested to me, at one of the meetings of the Port Trust, by Colonel A. Fraser, R. E., C. B., while on special duty at Bombay.

9. The advantages of the Elphinstone Channel are, I believe, generally admitted; whether it be poss

THE MAHOGANY TREE.

(Englishman.)

About a month ago we offered a few remarks regarding the cultivation of the Mahogany tree in Bengal. Through the courtesy of a friend we have had an opportunity of seeing a ripe capsule of this tree, one of many which have been maturing on trees in a garden in the vicinity of Calcutta. Except to a few who take special interest in this beautiful and valuable tree, we imagine such a capsule is a novelty. We confess we had not before the least conception of its form, or the beauty of the seeds encased therein. Each capsule contains, on an average, forty seeds, closely packed together, and securely protected, till the capsule attains maturity, when it splits open, and, unless carefully looked after, and plucked in time, these seeds are carried away by the strong wind so prevalent at this season of the year, and thereby lost altogether. Every tree does not bear fruit; indeed, out of sixteen in the garden above alluded to, we are informed that only five have seeded this year, and they were first known to have done so about five years ago. The ages of these trees range from thirty to forty years, only, so that these noble productions cannot be said to have attained maturity, but have the prospect, with ordinary care bestowed on them, and freedom from storms, of living far into another century. The fine trees noticed above have given this season upwards of one hundred capsules, and of these about sixty were lost in the October gale. This may be considered a prolific return when it is considered that the usual number for each tree to bear of those in the Royal Botanic Garden does not exceed five on an average, while the maximum—a rare instance—has been thirteen. There is probably something in the soil more favourable for the tree in the one spot than the other, or in the ages of the trees, supposing, of which we are not aware, that they bear more prolifically at certain ages.

We would again, in conclusion, especially recommend the introduction of this valuable tree to the many native zamindars in Bengal who have opportunities of cultivating it, not possessed by Europeans.

THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE TRADE AND NAVIGATION OF BRITISH INDIA FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1874.

(Concluded from Saturday's "Bombay Gazette.")

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

29. The gross amount of customs duty collected on Imports and Exports was :—

	1872-73.	1873-74.	Decrease in 1873-74.
	£	£	
On Imports	4,177,102	4,161,716	15,386
On Exports	798,975	724,072	74,903
Total	4,976,077	4,885,788	90,289

30. The gross amount of duty collected on the principal and other dutiable articles of import and export is shown in the following statements :—

IMPORTS.

Articles.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Increase or decrease in 1873-74.
	£	£	
Apparel	44,704	43,561	— 1,843
Cotton goods	816,334	842,510	26,176
Drugs and medicines of all kinds	23,419	20,267	— 3,152
Fruits and vegetables	25,627	27,846	2,219
Metals	99,035	92,931	— 6,104
Provisions, &c.	23,461	24,406	945
Salt	2,530,325	2,485,921	— 44,404
Silk, raw, and silk goods	72,903	81,855	8,952
Liquors—Malt liquors	9,452	8,852	— 600
Spirits	184,667	193,761	9,194
Wines	67,549	64,175	3,374
Sugar, &c.	42,993	41,471	— 1,522
Woollen goods	35,876	33,210	2,666
Other articles	211,655	202,046	— 9,609
Total	4,177,102	4,161,716	— 15,386

31. The chief increase was in cotton goods, and the chief decrease in salt, though the quantity imported was greater than in the previous year This feature was reversed in 1872-73 when, though the quantity imported was less than in 1871-72, the duty realised was larger. The bonding of salt is the explanation of the apparent anomaly.

EXPORTS.

Articles.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Increase or decrease in 1873-74.
	£	£	
Cotton goods	13,166	15,797	2,631
Grain—Rice	606,677	516,266	— 90,411
Paddy	19,820	15,420	— 4,399
Other sorts	28,977	13,741	— 15,235
Hides and skins (Tanned)	20,858	18,899	— 1,959
Indigo	47,216	47,296	80
Lac of all kinds	9,177	10,334	1,157
Oils	10,709	8,557	— 2,152
Seeds	47,172	72,601	25,429
Other articles	5,269	7,137	1,868
Total	798,975	724,072	— 74,903

32. The chief increase in the exportduty is attributable to seeds, and the chief decrease to rice and grain of other sorts. The decrease in the duty on rice mainly occurred in Burmah the large quantities which would have been available for export to foreign countries having been diverted to Bengal for the relief of famine.

SHIPPING.

33. The following statement shews the total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared with cargoes to and from foreign ports :—

	1872-73.		1873-74.		Increase or decrease in 1873-74.	
	Vessels	Tons	Vessels	Tons	Vessels	Tons
Entered	5,509	1,708,326	3,357	1,647,617	48	—60,723
Cleared	5,628	1,927,653	5,600	1,889,215	—28	—38,438
Total	9,137	3,996,102	9,157	3,936,832	20	—94,575

showing an increase in the number of vessels and a decrease in the aggregate tonnage. Of the vessels which entered, 2,912, aggregating 1,439, 166 tons were British and British Indian craft. The remainder of 445 vessels, measuring 208,451 tons, sailed under Foreign colours. Of these 298 were Arab ships, 64 were French, 40 American, 37 Italian, 17 German, and the rest of various other nationalities.

34. Of the vessels cleared 4,614, measuring 1,825,226 tons, were British Indian; of the 986 Foreign vessels (424,684 tons) which cleared, 154 were Arab, 219 French, 149 Italian, 66 American, and 44 German.

INTERPORTAL TRADE.

35. The following statement shows the share of each Presidency and Province in the interportal trade :—

Nationality.	1872-73. Vessels	1872-73. Tons	1873-74. Vessels	1873-74. Tons	Increase or Decrease in 1873-74 Vessels	Increase or Decrease in 1873-74 Tons
Entered.						
British	992	816,291	1,119	994,659	169	178,370
British Indian	574	272,781	594	336,363	20	63,582
Foreign	1,156	90,352	921	75,017	— 235	—15,335
Native craft	3,787	328,56	3,423	350,581	— 364	+41,006
Cleared.						
British	1,114	937,39	1,201	1163,461	87	225,915
British Indian	56	57 56	521	305, 9	— 8	47,34
Foreign	874	61,02	72	55,191	— 152	—1,833
Native craft	84	29 8	7 60	316 262	—1,136	—5,578
Total entered and cleared	13	263,80	2 4	1, 1960	—1,510	305446

36. The chief articles of the coasting trade are apparel, coffee, cotton (raw) and cotton piece-goods, drugs and medicines, dyeing and colouring materials, fruits and vegetables (mainly cocoanuts) grain and pulse, gums, hemp hides and skins, jute (raw), and manufactures of jute, metals, coir and coir rope, provisions, salt, seeds, silk, raw and manufactured, spices, sugar, tobacco, wood, wool (raw) and woollen goods. The trade has been steadily progressing, and the increase last year was considerable.

37. The following statement shews the number of shipping employed in the coasting trade which entered and cleared with cargoes during the year, as compared with the previous year.

Nationality.	1872-73. Vessels	1872-73. Tons	1873-74. Vessels	1873-74. Tons	Increase or Decrease in 1873-74 Vessels	Increase or Decrease in 1873-74 Tons
Entered.						
British	2,912	1,439,166	2,758	1,605,536	— 154	+ 166,370
Foreign	445	208,451	599	340,987	+ 154	+ 132,536
Cleared.						
British	2,846	1,427,794	2,758	1,605,536	— 88	+ 177,742
Foreign	445	208,451	599	340,987	+ 154	+ 132,536

The trade being shared in about the following proportions: Bengal 33·52 per cent., Burmah 23 per cent., Bombay 22·17 per cent., Madras 13·95 per cent., and Sindh 7·36 per cent.

38. This table shows a nett increase of 395,446 tons in the shipping employed in the coasting trade.

39. British and British Indian vessels increased in numbers and tonnage while Foreign vessels and Native craft decreased. The Native craft are no doubt being gradually displaced from the carrying trade by larger and better equipped vessels.

EUROPEAN AND OTHER EXTRACTS.

MACREADY'S DIARIES AND LETTERS *

(Daily News.)

Sir Frederick Pollock has completed the task which devolved upon him as one of Macready's executors of editing the diaries and letters of the distinguished tragedian. Macready appears to have been in the habit of noting down briefly the daily occurrences of his life and the contents are before us in two closely printed volumes. The son of a theatrical manager, Macready was sent by his father to Rugby School, then under Dr. Inglis, where he attained considerable reputation as a classical scholar. Of his school life his recollections were not agreeable. Bullying, he says seems to have banished humanity from most of the elder boys. His first year is described as "one of real misery," so that his lessons "became a refuge" to him. Under Dr. Wool his lot was improved, and he was hoping to go to Oxford and then study for the bar when his father failed, and young Macready was recalled. Just before he had told Dr. Wool that "he very much disliked his father's profession, even the thought of it." In his changed circumstances he determined to embrace the career for which he entertained so much aversion. He now had to make himself a name by acting in country theatres, and in the following passage describes his first real difficulty :—

We left Chester on Christmas Eve, and, with four in a chaise and luggage, could not expect in winter roads to move on very expeditiously. Travelling all night we reached Brough, a small town on the wild borders of Westmoreland, about noon on Christmas Day, where we stopped to lunch. Here I gave our last 5*l.* Bank of England note to pay the post-boy who had brought us from Sedbergh. To our utter dismay the landlord entered the room with the note in his hand to inform us he did not like the look of it, that he therefore demurred to give change for it, and that he could not send us forward, from the state of the roads, without four horses! Here was a dead lock! all my cherished hopes endangered, if not ruined, unless I reached Newcastle in good time on the morrow, and how to get there or send nearly 170 miles was a perplexity which in a very distressed state of mind we had to deliberate upon. My position, if I could not reach Newcastle in time, must have been deplorable. We sent for the landlord; he was not within, having gone up to his farm. Time began to press, for it was already evident we could not under any circumstances reach Newcastle that night; but what means of extrication were there? My watch had been left at Chester to eke out the needful amount for this journey. Those of my three *compagnons de voyage* were laid on the table, and the landlord, who had returned, was once more summoned. I gave him what references of respectability I could, and finding him immovable in his refusal to send us on without four horses, we subscribed to this extra charge on condition he would advance three pounds upon the watch-s and give change for the five-pound note. After some hesitation he yielded; the post-boy was paid, the four horses were put to and the postill one charged to instruct the innkeeper at the next stage to forward us with a pair. The crew with a flowing sheet sailing "Away from the Bay of Biscay O" could scarcely have felt greater relief than we did in finding ourselves in full gallop from what had threatened to be our prison in Brough. We gave three cheers as we cleared the dreary little town, and on reaching Durham late in the evening found our funds just equal to the payment of the fare that landed us there. Being well known here, there was no stint to the enjoyment of a good supper and good beds, the bill for which I took with me to Newcastle betimes the next morning, obtaining cash from the treasurer of the theatre to remit the full discharge of all to our obliging host of the Wheatsheaf.

A noteworthy entry appears, made at Bath in the year 1815, throwing light upon the methods by which Macready strove to perfect himself in his art :

I have been present when, on their benefit nights, performers have not only walked with contemptuous indifference through their parts, but have executed on the auditors present the absence of those who stayed away. It was a rule with me, let the music what profit I could out of a bad house, and before the most meagre audiences ever assembled it has been my invariable practice to strive my best, using the opportunity as a lesson; and I am conscious of having derived great benefit from the rule. I used to call it "acting to myself;" as, indeed, it was transferring the study of a character from my own apartment to the stage, where it was much less irksome; for in the solitude of a lodging to continue over and over again the repetition of passages with strict attention to one's elocution, deportment, gesture, and countenance, guarding against exaggeration, whilst hashing oneself up to the highest strain of passion, and this without any stimulus or any test beyond the individual's trust of having struck the chord aright, was a sort of darkling procedure, groping or feeling of one's way, that called upon me often for strong efforts of perseverance, being more trying to the constancy and patience of the student than falls to the lot of any other art; for in others the the advances made are visible in the comparison of the works completed; but the player, by dint of repeated efforts, must perfect himself in tones, attitudes, looks, of which he can only learn the effect under the nervous excitement of experimenting their power on the uncertain sympathies of an heterogeneous assembly. The approach to perfection is, indeed, usually so gradual that, in one whose principle it would be to labour in his several performances to improve on what had gone before, whose motto to the very last words he uttered on the scene is "Excelsior," the degrees of his toilsome ascent may be sometimes distinguishable, but beyond such shadowy variations his design and its treatment will remain unchanged.

On Bath Macready performed with Romeo Coates. In 1816 he took a London engagement, without much elation of spirit, considering that he was jeopardizing advantages already secured. Of his feelings on his first appearance at Covent Garden he has left a particular description. The character in which he appeared was that of Orestes, and his performance was an unequivocal success. In his reminiscences he says:

Several times in my life it has fallen to my lot to encounter a crisis of this sort, where all seemed at stake, and of them all this was one of the most formidable; but the day arrived, and the venture must be made. I unaccustomed to the vast size of these large theatres, it was with a feeling like dismay that I entered on the stage; but to all appearance I managed to keep under control the flutter of my spirits, went through my rehearsal, inspected my room, and gave all directions necessary. Every courtesy was shown me, and, as an ordinary civility to a *debutant*, whatever "orders" of free admission I might wish for my friends were liberally set at my disposal by the managers; but I had then no friends, not even an acquaintance that I could call upon. After my early dinner I lay down, endeavouring to compose myself, till the hour appointed for my setting out to the theatre. The hackney coach—a conveyance happily, in the advance of civilization, "mingled with the things of sport"—was called, and I can almost fancy in recollecting it that I feel every disquieting jolt of the rumbling vehicle as it slowly performed the office of a hurdle in conveying me to the place of execution. The silent process of dressing was only interrupted by the call-boy Parsloe's voice, "Overture on, sir;" which sent a chill to my heart. The official rap at the door soon followed, and the summons, "Mr. Macready," made me instantly rally all my energies, and with a firm step I went forward to my trial. But the appearance of resolute composure assumed by the player at this turning-point of his life belies the internal struggles he endures. These eventful trials, in respect to the variety of the part in which they are encountered, so resemble each other that one describes all. The same agitation and effort to master it, the dazzled vision, the short quick breath, the dry palate, the throbbing of the heart—all, however painfully felt, must be carefully disguised in the character the actor strives to place before his audience. Abbott, as Pylades, was waiting for me at the side-scene, and when the curtain had risen, gracefully his hand almost convulsively, I sprang upon the stage, exclaiming, as in a transport of the highest joy, "Oh, Pylades! what's life without a friend!" The welcome of applause that greeted my entrance (always so liberally bestowed by a London public on every new performer) was all I could have described, but it was not until the loud and long plaudits following the vehement burst of passion in the line, "Oh, ye Gods, give me Hermione or let me die!" that I gained any degree of self-possession. As the play proceeded I became more and more animated under the conflicting emotions of the distracted lover, and at the close, as I sank, "furis agitatus Orestes," into the arms of Pylades, the prolonged cheers of my auditors satisfied me of my success. The custom of "calling for" the player had not then been introduced into our English theatres; but it was considered a sufficient testimony of a triumphant issue to give out the play for repetition on the Friday and Monday following. Congratulations were profusely tendered me by the various members of the Covent-garden company, who stopped me in passing from the stage to my dressing room; and when summoned to the manager's room, Mr. Harris, in his peculiar way observed, "Well my boy, you have done capitally: and if you could carry a play along with such a cast, I don't know what you cannot do!"

In the attendance of that evening it was observed that the members of the *corps dramatique* mustered in unusual force, among whom Kean, conspicuous in a private box, was very liberal of his applause. Lest, however, he should be exalted above measure, several of the papers pulled, some very unflattering descriptions of his person and demeanour. The *Times* conceded to him a "certain amount of ability," but the *News* began its review by saying that "Mr. Macready is the plainest and most awkwardly made man that ever trod the stage, but he is an actor whom in some respects we prefer to Mr. Kean." An amusing proof of the persuasion so widely entertained of his personal disqualifications was afforded him at the theatre the evening soon after his *début*. A man and woman were seated before him in the second tier of boxes. In the course of their conversation the lady inquired of her companion whether he had "seen the new actor." "What, Macready?" he replied; "no, I've not seen him yet. I am told he is a capital actor, but a devilish ugly fellow: they say he is an ugly likeness of Liston!"

The reminiscences from which we have made these extracts are continued as far as the year 1826, when they give place to the diaries. The latter fail in fulness at some periods when ampler details would have been welcome—as, for instance, the Drury Lane management. Throughout them he appears as the consistent, honest, and the calm, self-confident, yet modest and unselfish, English gentleman. The last legible entries in his diary, written with a trembling hand, are:—"God be merciful to me a sinner," and "Lord, I believe: help Thou my unbelief."

* Macready's Reminiscences, and Selections from his Diaries and Letters. Edited by Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart. 2 vols Macmillan and Co.

THE CONSCRIPTION.

(From the "*Globe's*" own Correspondent.)

PARIS, Thursday, March 18th.

The good people taking their morning's walk in the Champs-Elysees have their attention attracted from time to time by the shouts and cries which proceed from bands of youths who monopolise the pathway as they march down towards the Rue de Rivoli from the Palais de l'Exposition. There they have been dipping their hands in the urns to draw out the numbers which determine the order in which they are to pass the doctor, and be declared fit or unfit for military service. According to the new legislation on the army, every man on attaining his twenty-first year is called on to bear arms for his country, whereas, under the old regulations, each department had only to furnish a certain contingent, so that there were at each drawing a certain amount of good numbers, or men who were not called on to become soldiers. Formerly also there were certain exemptions which are now no longer recognised saving and excepting in the case of the eldest son of a widow, but as the budget for the moment does not admit of increasing the standing army, a number of the conscripts are not called on to join the different corps, but remain as a sort of reserve force, undrilled and unarmed, but liable to mobilisation at any given moment. The first process in the conscription consist in drawing lots. Lucky numbers are, of course, the higher ones, the sevens, eights, and nines of each series, as the men are examined by the doctor by tens, and it is very rare that more than seven out of each batch are taken for active service. On the day of *tirage au sort*, or drawing, great festivities are indulged in by the future defenders of their country, who feel themselves suddenly inspired with military glory, and feed the flames of heroism and courage with copious liberations at the shrine of Bacchus, in the Dutch fashion. The blue-bloused apprentice fraternises with his comrades, the black-coated clerk or counter-skipper accepts the advances of the working man, and the conscripts from each arrondissement break off into groups, repair to the nearest *marchand de vin*, who for a consideration provides them with a gaudy number for their caps and tricoloured steamers and rosettes, adorned with which a procession sets out to parade the streets of the city, singing and marching to a tune, which generally ends in some rattling *ratapian* chorus. Other conscripts club together and hire carriages to take them round the lake in the Bois de Boulogne, where some heavy curses are thundered at them by the coachmen, whose horses have been scared by the flourishing of flags, legs, pocket-handkerchiefs, or streamers in which these youths indulge. To-day about 100 of the Belvillois paraded the boulevards with drums and trumpets, headed by a drum-major wonderfully decked out; they carried two flags, one the tricolour of France, the other a broad pink banner surmounted with crape, on which the following words were inscribed, "Alsace, Lorraine, Revanche." An enthusiastic crowd cheered them, but the police fearing a demonstration ordered the pink banner to be removed, and told the young men to confine their promenade to less frequented thoroughfares than the boulevards. The authorities are very lenient in all cases where conscripts are concerned, the inflammable "Marseillaise" is tolerated, and the lad who drinks too deeply is carefully led by the arm to the police-station, allowed to sleep off the fumes of his wine, and then liberated by the brigadier or inspector, who has been a soldier, and passed through the different phases of conscript life. All these scenes will be repeated after the *conseil de revision*, or medical examination; but those who have been stricken with the cold words, *bon pour le service*, which means a five years's absence from home, a period of life in camp under the order of some old Tartar of a sergeant, have to make an effort to appear gay as their companions who have been classed in the reserves and remain at home until further orders. The last act is the reception of the *feuille de route*, or order to join the depot of the regiment to which the recruit has been attached. He is accompanied to the station by his weeping friends and relatives; even the stoutest heart seems to quail before such an amount of mourning and tribulation, and the drooping spirits of the young conscript are not revived until he has paid his footing in the regiment by treating his comrades with the proceeds of the sale of his civilian effects handed over to some old Jew who hangs about the barrack yards at the different depots. Then begins his new life, and however hard it may appear to some who have never known what it is to want a meal or a night's shelter, it is a bed of roses to many a peasant or workman's son, besides which there is a certainty that the man who does his duty conscientiously cannot fail to be rewarded by his officers and rise in his profession. Now that the new army law has been voted, a man can no longer find a substitute; the son of the rag-picker stands on an equal footing with the son of the millionnaire or functionary of state: each one must pay his debt to his country. Military schools are opened to such young men as care to adopt the army as a profession, and he who for some reason or other does not care to apply himself to study, so as to obtain admission into these institutions, may carry the knapsack and chassepot like the son of his father's groom or coachman. The only exception which has been made in favour of those who do not care to spend five years in the ranks is the case of the three years volunteers; but to take the benefit of this system it is necessary to urge some special qualification or prove that a degree of *bachelier* has been taken at some university, and pay a sum of £50 into the hands of the Government as the cost of training, feeding, and clothing of the volunteer for the year he serves. The one year's volunteers are kept very strictly. At first they wore kid gloves and patent leather-boots, white shirts, and cloth of their uniforms was as fine as that worn by the general, but now you cannot distinguish them from the rustic who has to serve the whole of the prescribed period, after which he will once more return to the ploughs or earn his *poteau* as corporal by re-enlisting. The fatal *feuille de route* thins the Bois and the boulevards of many a representative of our *jeunesse dorée*. Last night young de S——, whose alliance on the maternal side with the Minister of War, General de Cissey, has failed to obtain for him any exemption, joined by some more of his fellow victims, gave a parting supper at the Cafe Anglais prior to his joining the 5th Hussars at the depôt at Carcassonne. The night was passed in feasting and drinking, and it was seven this morning before de B—— returned home to prepare for the long journey before him. He has to submit his flowing hair and the *bandeaux à la Capoul* to the Delilah-like hand of the barber, who in less than an hour will convert me him from a *gandin* into a close cropped conscript. His gold-mounted toilette *necessaire* has become useless, the silk shirts and plaid morning suits he appeared in at breakfast must be laid aside and he will have to use the Hamlet's toothbrush, and a few haudkerchiefs and socks. Scents and perfumes will no longer be required, for the colonel is a martinet, and hates any odour save that of the stable. This evening de B—— starts, and in a couple of days as he stands at five in the morning with his curry-comb in his hand, grooming his white charger, he will anathematise the law which has removed him from his favourite boulevard and transformed him into a trooper.

MARAVILLA COCOA.—The *Globe* says, "Taylor Brothers' Maravilla Cocoa has achieved a thorough success, and supersedes every other Cocoa in the Market. Entire solubility, a delicate aroma, and a rare concentration of the purest elements of nutrition distinguish the Maravilla Cocoa above all others. For consumers of Cocoa, especially Invalids and Dyspeptics, we could not recommend a more agreeable or valuable beverage." For further favourable opinions *vide Standard, Morning Post, British Medical Journal, &c. &c.*

HOMŒOPATHIC COCOA.—This original preparation, which has attained such a world-wide reputation, is manufactured by Taylor Brothers, under the ablest homœopathic advice aided by the skill and experience of the inventors, and will be found to combine in an eminent degree the purity, fine aroma and nutritious property of the fresh nut.

SOLUBLE CHOCOLATE, made in one minute without boiling. The above articles are prepared exclusively by Taylor Brothers, the largest manufacturers in Europe, and sold in tin-lined packets by Storekeepers and others all over the world.

MUSTARD.—Taylor Brothers' celebrated "Challenge" brand is prepared from the Choicest Seed by a patent process which prevents fermentation, and at the same time retains the pungency and purity of flavour for which pure mustard is so much esteemed. Steam Mills, Brick Lane, London, Export Chicory Mills, Brugos, Belgium.

EPPS'S COCOA.

BREAKFAST.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operation of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well-fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps and Co. Manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston-road, London."—See article in *Cassell's Household Guide.*

Made simply with boiling water or milk.

and only in ¼-lb. and 1-lb. tins, labelled thus :—

JAMES EPPS & Co.,

HOMŒOPATHIC CHEMISTS,

48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly.

Works—Euston Road and Camden Town.

Makers of Epps's Milky Cocoa (Cocoa and Condensed Milk.

YARROW & HEDLEY'S

SMALL STEAMERS AND STEAM LAUNCHES

BUILT OF WOOD, IRON, OR STEEL.

25 feet long...seats for 8 persons...complete from £192 to £270.
30 feet long...seats for 14 persons...complete from £260 to £350.
37 feet long...seats for 20 persons...complete from £324 to £430.
43 feet long...seats for 30 persons...complete from £476 to £610.
50 feet long...seats for 60 persons...complete from £860 to £1,040
&c. &c.

Steamers up to 45 feet in length can be transported on a ship's deck entire, and ready for immediate use on arrival, or shipped in 3 or more sections.

The above may be used for conveying passengers, carrying cargo, or as tugs.

The total working expenses of a Steamer 43 feet long, amount to 15 shillings a day in England; the consumption of fuel being about 6 cwt., and a man and a boy the crew required.

Paddle and Screw Steamers constructed specially for river navigation, having a very shallow draught of water.

TO MEET SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.

Speeds ranging up to 20 miles an hour.

Draughts ranging down to 6 inches of water.

Constructed for

MACHINERY CONSTRUCTED FOR BOATS BUILT ABROAD.

YARROW and Co.,

(Late Yarrow and Hedley).

Engineers and Builders, Isle of Dogs, Poplar, London.

Prospectuses may be obtained at the Office of this Journal.

BANKS.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

Capital Paid up £1,500,000.
Reserved Funds £500,000.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

DEPOSITS of not less than Rs. 500 are received for fixed periods bearing interest at rates which may be ascertained on application.

No interest is allowed on Current Deposit Accounts.

BILLS are bought and sold on England, Scotland, Ireland, Paris, and on the Branches and Agencies of the Corporation at Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Mauritius, Port Elizabeth, Melbourne, Sydney and New Zealand.

Circular Notes are also issued for the use of Travellers, negociable in all towns of importance throughout the world.

The Corporation effect the purchase and sale of Government Paper, Stocks, Shares, &c., on account of constituents, and undertake the safe custody of the same, drawing the interest and dividends as they fall due.

Office Hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays from 10 to 1.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

HATTON COURT, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.
Incorporated by Royal Charter.

PAID-UP CAPITAL—£800,000.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

BOMBAY.	PENANG.	MANILLA.
CALCUTTA.	SINGAPORE.	SHANGHAI.
ARYAB.	BATAVIA.	HANKOW.
RANGOON.	HONGKONG.	

THE BANK'S AGENCY IN BOMBAY

GRANTS DRAFTS on its HEAD OFFICE and LONDON BANKERS, as well as on the other AGENCIES and BRANCHES;

NEGOTIATES, and RECEIVES for COLLECTION, BILLS OF EXCHANGE; EFFECTS REMITTANCES in the Bank's own Drafts, without charge for Commission; and CONDUCTS ALL KINDS of GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

DEPOSITS OF MONEY

Are received at Call on terms which may be learned on application, and for Fixed Periods as follows :—

6 months' notice	4 per cent. per annum.
12 Do.	5 " "

All Letters should be addressed, and Remittances made payable, to The Chartered Bank of India Australia, and China.

C. J. SHARP, Acting Agent.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

HEAD OFFICE
PARIS.

SUBSCRIBED and PAID-UP CAPITAL £8,200,000
RESERVE FUND ..... £ 800,000

LONDON BANKERS:
BANK OF ENGLAND
AND THE
UNION BANK OF LONDON.

CURRENT DEPOSITS.

INTEREST is allowed at two per cent. per annum on the minimum monthly balances up to Rupees One Lac.

Terms for other Deposits may be obtained on application to the Bank.

Hours of business from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

14, Rampart Row, W.

THE AGRA BANK (Limited.)

Capital £1,000,000.
Reserve Fund £40,000.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are kept, and interest allowed when the Credit Balance does not fall below Rs. 1,000.

DEPOSITS received available at any time, for Remittance to England in the Bank's Bills and Interest allowed thereon at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

DEPOSITS are also received for fixed periods on terms which may be learnt on application.

DRAFTS granted at the exchange of the day on London, Scotland, and the Bank's Agencies in the East.

CIRCULAR NOTES issued, negociable in the principal Places in Europe.

GOVERNMENT and other STOCKS, and SHARES bought and sold, and the safe custody of the same undertaken.

INTEREST, PAY and PENSIONS collected; and every other description of Banking Business and Money Agency transacted.

All Remittances should be made payable to the Agra Bank, Limited.

Bombay, 10th April 1875.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA (Limited)

Current Deposit Accounts.

Interest is allowed on Current Deposit Account at 2 per cent. per annum on the minimum monthly balances up to Rs. 1,000, but no Interest will be allowed on balances under Rs. 1,000.

Fixed Deposits.

The Bank receives Money on Fixed Deposite and allows Interest thereon as follows :—

On Deposits, subject to 6 months' notice of withdrawal, 4 per cent.
Do Do 12 Do 5 "

Exchange.

The Bank negotiates and collects Bills payable in London Calcutta, Madras, and Hongkong. It also grants drafts on London and on its Branches and Agencies at the Current Rates of Exchange.

By order of the Directors,
WM. A. BAKER, Manager.

Bombay, 17th October 1873.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

BOMBAY BRANCH.
LONDON BANKERS.

Bank of England. | London Joint Stock Bank.

MONEY REMITTED

At current rates of Exchange by the Bank's Drafts on its Branches and Agencies in the East, and

On LONDON | On IRELAND
" SCOTLAND, | " PARIS,

And also on the principal Towns in the Australian Colonies. If desired, the Bank will send the Draft direct to the party whose address is given.

INTEREST.

On Current Deposit Account interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum, on the minimum Monthly Balances, up to Rs. 100,000, but no interest will be allowed on balances of less than Rs. 1,000.

On Fixed Deposit on Time which may be learned on application.

All Letters should be addressed, and Hoondies made payable, to the Agent, Chartered Mercantile Bank.

HOTELS.

MATHERAN.—The CLARENDON HOTEL is OPEN to VISITORS. Accommodation First-class, and for Ladies there are spacious Drawing Rooms attached to the Hotel which command beautiful views of Bombay and Matheran.

Terms—Moderate.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

THE ACT of PARLIAMENT constituting the HIGH COURT of BOMBAY, with the Letters Patent and other Documents relating to the same. Price RUPEES THREE.

FOR SALE,

AT THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE" PRESS.

BOOK-BINDERS' SAW-BENCH.—This Machine is for sawing the backs of Books; and it is arranged for foot or steam power. Price Rs. 175, including seven Circular Saws and various-sized Washers for changing every quarter of an inch.

FOR SALE, at the "BOMBAY GAZETTE" OFFICE, under the authority of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce,

THE AMENDED FORM OF BILL OF LADING

For Steamers from BOMBAY to LIVERPOOL via the SUEZ CANAL, as sanctioned by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, at their Meeting on the 28th August 1872. Price per 100 Copies, Rs. 4; 50 Copies, Rs. 2-8; 25 Copies, Rs. 1-4; and for single Copy, One Anna.

FOR SALE,

INDIA TO ENGLAND BY THE LEVANT AND THE DANUBE.

Reprinted from the *Bombay Gazette.*

Price—ONE RUPEE.

May be had at the *Bombay Gazette* Office, and from Messrs Thacker, Vining & Co.

FOR SALE,

AT THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE" OFFICE.

LITHOGRAPHIC STONES.

RED AND GREEN PRINTING INK,

PRINTER'S VARNISH;

ALSO

SECOND-HAND STEAMER BLOCKS AND SHIP BLOCKS.

Apply at the Manager, *Bombay Gazette* Office, Fort, Bombay

THE PETRIFYING SILICATE PAINTS,

As supplied to

THE ADMIRALTY, BOARD OF WORKS, AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S, WOOLWICH ARSENAL, CUNARD COMPANY, LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES,

FOR HOUSE, SHIP, AND GENERAL USE,

Manufactured by the
SILICATE PAINT COMPANY, Liverpool,

IN ALL COLOURS,

Have no chemical action on Iron or other Metal; will stand any degree of heat without blistering; 1 cwt. is equal in bulk and will do the work of 2 cwt. lead Paints. See Article in "Engineering," 20th January, 1872.

DAMP WALLS, CHURCHES, &c.

Cured by the Petrifying liquid, at a cost of 2d. to 3d. per square yard. See Article in "Builder," 9th March, 1872. For particulars and Testimonials, apply to the

SILLICATE PAINT COMPANY Liverpool.

Agents.—Messrs. Wheatley, Madden & Co., Bombay.

BY ROYAL COMMAND.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S

CELEBRATED

STEEL PEN.

Sold by Dealers all throughout the World.

SAVORY & MOORE'S

BEST FOOD FOR INFANTS,

Resembles Mother's Milk more closely than any other kind of Food, perfectly fulfilling its object—that of promoting the growth and health of the Child. The Royal Families of England and Russia are supplied with this Food, and the Medical Profession recommend it with the utmost confidence and certainty of success.

See Medical Certificates and Opinions,

Wholesale and Retail of the Manufactures,

143, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON, W.,

And retail of all Chemists and Storekeepers throughout the World, who also supply SAVORY and MOORE'S DIGESTIVE COCOA, for Dyspeptic and delicate persons of all ages.

WINES, SPIRITS BEER, &c.,

Established 1815.

CUTLER PALMER, & Co.,

London, Bordeaux, Calcutta, and Bombay.

BOMBAY, DEAN LANE.

SOLE AGENTS IN INDIA FOR

Messrs. BISQUIT, DUBOUCHE & CO., of Cognac.
Messrs. WACHTER & CO., of Epernay.

It is a source of much regret that C., P. & Co. are compelled to charge their customers the Town dues imposed on Wines, &c., by the Municipality of Bombay, a charge equal to 1¼ per cent. on the duty on light Wines.

MESSRS. CUTLER, PALMER & CO. have been for so many years before the public, and their Brands have become so widely and so favourably known, that without entering into full detail by advertisement, they feel they sufficiently denote the various qualities of Wines, Spirits, and Liqueurs they hold for sale in Bombay by briefly enumerating them as follows :—

Per Dozen Quarts.

BORDEAUX ..... Rs. 10½, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 25, 30
Breakfast, Dinner and After-dinner Wines.
* PINTS OF EACH, Rs. 2 PER 2 DOZ. EXTRA.
* SAUTERNES—Barsac ..... Rs. 17, 22
* BURGUNDY—Red & White ..... Rs. 17, 18, 21, 24, 30
Medium to very choice quality.
* CHAMPAGNE ..... Rs. 44, 38, 34, 27
Hampers of 24 half-pints ..... Rs. 27
*Finest extra dry cuvee, medium dry to light